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Dalia Rabin-Felosooff and Leah Rabin visit Yitzhak Rabin's grave at Mt. Herzl yesterday.

Two years after assassination Rabin remembered

Thousands attended a commemorative rally last night on the second anniversary of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination... Earlier in the day, a brief memorial service took place at Rabin's grave on Mt. Herzl...

TA District Court rules in libel case: Sharon misled Begin

Ariel Sharon led prime minister Menachem Begin and his government astray during the Lebanon War, and thus his charges of libel against Ha'aretz for saying so are unfounded, Tel Aviv District Court ruled yesterday... He described the court's decision as "full of severe and regrettable errors."

I'll fight for 20 years - Sharon

Despite his smarting loss in court, a resolute and confident-looking Ariel Sharon vowed yesterday that he would keep on fighting "the libel that Ha'aretz perpetrated, even if it takes me 20 additional years and even if everyone else forgets all about it."



Ariel Sharon (Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

Friends often counseled him to desist and let things be, he said. "They tell me that much time had gone by and that many people no longer even know what happened then and that others have forgotten. But I can never forget. I am the one who is demanding this inquiry."

The gray areas of war powers

The judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court in Ariel Sharon's libel suit against Ha'aretz and journalist Uzi Benziman raises the issue of civilian oversight over the defense establishment... He qualified his ruling by saying he was not establishing historical facts about the decisions and actions of the cabinet or prime minister in the Lebanon War...

Progress on seaport in talks with Palestinians

WASHINGTON - Israeli-Palestinian negotiations began in earnest yesterday, with progress reported on the issue of establishing a Palestinian seaport in Gaza... Cohen tells Mordechai: US to keep military aid package intact, Page 20

Iraq extends deadline for US inspectors

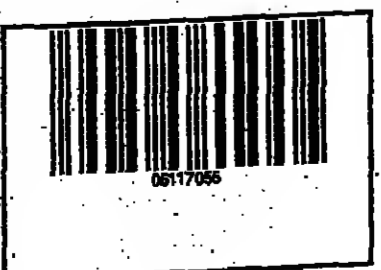
UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Iraq has agreed not to expel any American UN arms inspectors while a visiting UN delegation seeks to overturn Baghdad's expulsion order... Iraq last week ordered all US members of the UN weapons inspection team - there are six currently in Iraq - to leave by 1 a.m. Baghdad time tomorrow.

Opposers coach Spurs

Opposers of the new stadium... Metal Trabelsky sang Naomi

Upsets Coetzee's season finale

Upsets Coetzee's season finale... Metal Trabelsky sang Naomi



# NEWS

in brief

### CIA warned Israel might become Soviet client

The Central Intelligence Agency warned US president Harry Truman in 1948 that Israel might become a Soviet client, newly declassified documents show. "Formation of a Jewish state in Palestine will enable the USSR to intensify its efforts to expand Soviet influence in the Near East and to perpetuate a chaotic condition there," the CIA said, in a report sent to Truman on May 14, 1948, the day the state was proclaimed.

### Egyptians to set up peace camp

Some 300 prominent Egyptians plan to set up a peace movement to build links with Israelis who oppose Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policy. "This is the first peace camp in Egypt and we aim to team up with peace movements in Israel, Europe, and the US and create an active and effective public opinion in favor of a comprehensive peace settlement," Salah Bassiouni, spokesman for the fledgling Cairo Peace Movement, said yesterday.

### Monitoring group accepts Israeli complaint

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group yesterday accepted Israel's complaint about an incident Sunday in which a Lebanese woman was wounded and several homes were damaged in Rehan village, inside the security zone, by Hizballah fire. The five-nation monitoring committee, meeting at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura, reiterated its call to the sides to adhere to the Grapes of Wrath understandings and take all necessary precautions to prevent civilians from being harmed.

# Shamgar: Government can publish secret assassination findings

By BATSHEVA TSUR

As political leaders and security experts refuted claims of a conspiracy behind the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, former Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar said the government was entitled to publish the confidential section of the inquiry commission's report.

Shamgar, who headed the probe into the murder two years ago, said that at least part of a secret section dealing with the security services and the role of alleged GSS agent Avishai Raviv, could be made public. Raviv, an alleged former right-wing activist, was also accused of having ties with Rabin assassin Yigal Amir.

In the report, Shamgar dismissed the notion of a conspiracy, saying it had been examined and found to be a misinterpretation of facts.

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said he thought the commission had exhausted investigation into possible conspiracies. Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, meanwhile, is believed to have asked for an investigation into a new conspiracy theory published this week by the National Religious Party daily *Hatzofeh*. Taken from an Internet site, the

theory proposed that Rabin knew of a plot against him and ordered the bullets changed to blanks, but that then-foreign minister Shimon Peres authorized a deal with a senior GSS officer to retain the live bullets in return for an appointment as head of the service. Neeman reportedly apologized last night to Peres for any insult incurred by asking for a probe into this theory.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz told Israel Radio yesterday that he had found no evidence to support these allegations in the confidential section of the Shamgar Report, and that he saw no reason for further investigation. "It is a lot of rubbish," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said of the theory while visiting Beersheba. "There was never any such thing. Elements on the Left are trying to foment trouble instead of uniting the nation on this day."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said "those who spread the conspiracy theory are like those who try to deny the Holocaust. The techniques of those who created the conspiracy theory that Shimon Peres or the GSS were behind the slaying are identical [to those of Holocaust deniers]. They spread doubts, all kinds of questions, so

that all the weak and confused people, the naive people, will begin to ask themselves - was there really an assassination or not?"

Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former deputy GSS head, also rejected the theory, but thought there was room to probe aspects of Raviv's behavior.

Peres said he thought the theory was "one of the ugliest things that happened in our society."

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak called it "a kind of incitement, an attempt to rewrite history. The Shamgar inquiry commission already made it clear that it's totally baseless. The very raising of it once again is an attempt to distort both history and the real meaning of what disaster happened, when Rabin was assassinated."

Uzi Landau (Likud), chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, also rejected the conspiracy theories as items "that don't even bear thinking about," he said. The Knesset is to debate several motions about Raviv and the conspiracy theories today.

Meanwhile, Tim reported that Bar Ilan University President Moshe Kaveh rejected a call to dismiss literature professor Hillel Weiss for endorsing a conspiracy theory. on Channel 1's *Popolitika*

Monday. However, Kaveh denounced Weiss' statement that the GSS knew in advance of Amir's plot to shoot Rabin.

Student Union head Lior Rothbart urged a boycott of his classes.

Rabin's daughter, Dalia Rabin-

Pelossoff, told Channel 2 television yesterday, "I too am still left with a number of question marks." She said she has asked Rubinstein to see the secret files on Raviv.

Elli Wohlgelesner and Lia Collins contributed to this report.

## Report found no conspiracy

The Shamgar Commission Report... The published report only dealt... of informants by the GSS in the... for improving the... appeared to... The body that operated... not to allow him... the carrying out of... boomerang effect... After the... planning of... General Security... that many citizens... Amir had not acted alone... The commission checked... and witnesses were... those allegations... But from... mission: no basis was found for... spiracy.



Peace Now members demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Residence in Jerusalem last night. The signs read: 'We will not forget; we will not forgive.' (Isaac Hanevi)

### IRAQ

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This, in turn, meant that the Security Council could not consider lifting wide-ranging sanctions it imposed on Iraq after Baghdad's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Meanwhile, US President Bill Clinton said of Iraq's threat to shoot down a U-2 plane conducting surveillance for the UN: "that would be a big mistake."

Clinton urged Saddam to let the UN inspection team get on with its work.

He stressed he wanted a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

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### SHARON

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In his verdict, Talgam noted Sharon had been severely criticized in the war's early days by members of the cabinet and by three senior army officers.

Talgam also criticized Maj-Gen. (res.) Avigdor Ben-Gal's retraction in court of remarks he had made several years ago, in which he had said the war aims were not approved by the government. Ben-Gal forgot to remind the court that he now has business ties to Sharon, Talgam noted.

Lia Collins adds:

"The court's verdict on Ariel Sharon should be seen also as the verdict of history. This is the verdict - we've been waiting for it for 15 years," Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said, adding he had claimed from the start that the Lebanon War was being run by Sharon.

MK Yona Yabav (Labor) asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to examine the implications of the verdict on Sharon's suitability to serve as a minister. MK Ophir Pines (Labor) called on Sharon "to draw the necessary conclusions: Resign and quit political life."

### Basel parley on Zionism's future

"The Rabin assassination is perhaps the low point in our evolution so far, but it's also important to remember the high points" in the history of Zionism, Tel Aviv University President Prof. Yoram Dinstein said yesterday.

Dinstein was speaking by phone from Basel, where he is participating in the Howard Gilman International Colloquium, entitled "Quo Vadis Zionism?" It was organized by Tel Aviv University and the University of Basel.

"In the jubilee year of Israel, very few people are jubilant," Dinstein said. Aryeh Dean Cohen.

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Visit of District Governor Aharon Gilman.

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# Labor: PM must apologize for 'incitement'

By LIAT COLLINS

Instead of uniting the House in remembrance, the Knesset memorial session scheduled for next Wednesday, the Hebrew anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, continued to be the focus of bitter recriminations.

Labor MKs, led by whip Ra'anana Cohen, yesterday sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asking that he not address the session unless he publicly apologizes for "his contribution to the atmosphere of incitement that led to the murder." Cohen also said Netanyahu should "apologize for continuing incitement against the Left."

"If you intend to ignore this request, I would thank you in advance for sending one of your ministers (instead) to represent the government at the memorial ceremony," Cohen said. He told Tichon the faction would not

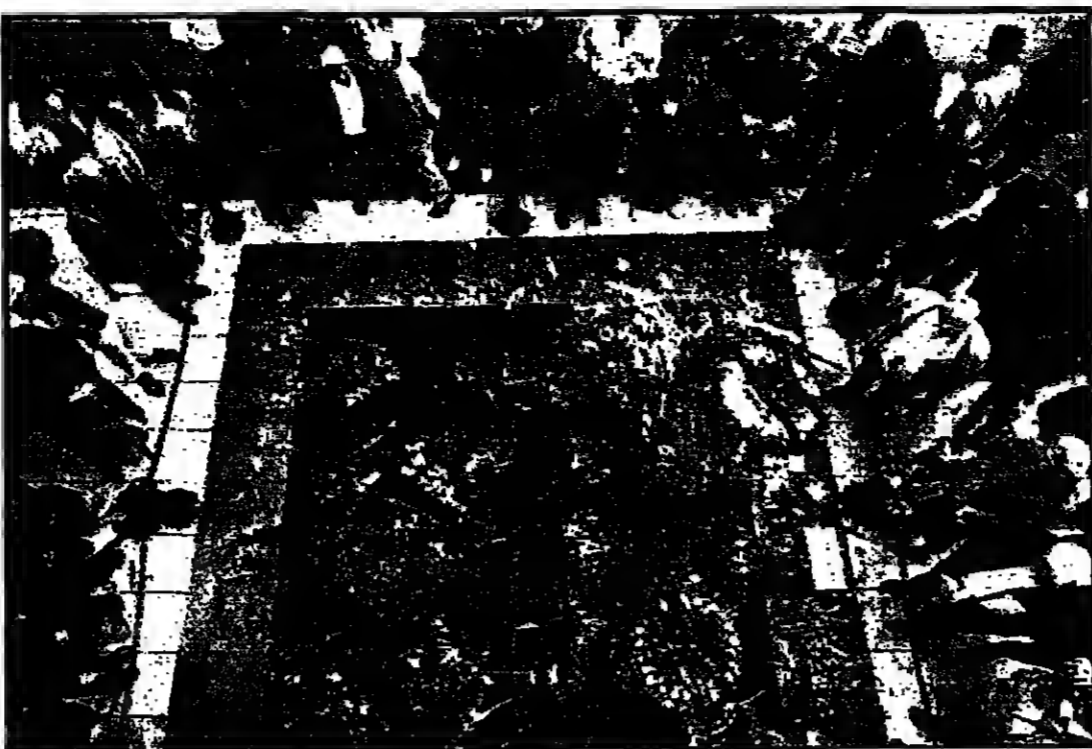
make a protest action in the Knesset but warned he might not be able to stop individual MKs from doing so.

Cohen attached to the letter a copy of a photograph of Netanyahu marching at the head of a protest against the Oslo Accords, in front of a coffin bearing the words: "Rabin is killing Zionism."

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said: "Netanyahu should look the public in the eyes and apologize." He said as opposition leader his philosophy is "strong criticism, yes; incitement, no." He referred questions on the likely behavior of Labor MKs to the plenum to Cohen.

MK Uzi Landau (Likud), made a plea not to use the memorial as an opportunity for political attacks but as a warning of where hatred can lead.

Asked about the coffin, he noted that this was a common protest



A crowd gathers yesterday around the site where Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by Yigal Amir two years ago in Tel Aviv.

device used by students protesting tuition fee hikes and workers protesting dismissals and said the coffin was clearly symbolized the death of Zionism, not an incitement to murder Rabin.

Avraham Ravitz (United Torah

Judaism) called on Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon to consider canceling the special session - "out of respect for Rabin's memory" - if decorum could not be assured. "It's better that it not be held at all, rather than it not be

# Schools to mark assassination next Wednesday

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Schools throughout the country will honor the memory of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin next Wednesday, starting with a flag-lowering ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

Thereafter, schools will conduct activities focusing on Rabin's personality, his achievements, and events surrounding his assassination and its meaning for society. School officials will have a special Education Ministry booklet available, offering advice on possible projects and discussions.

The ministry's Psychological Counseling Service yesterday published guidelines for schools, suggesting that pupils be given the chance to express their feelings on the anniversary.

The recommendations, by Dr. Norman Entin and Hanna Shadmi, include allowing the pupils to find different ways to express their feelings about the significance of

the day, the degree to which they miss Rabin, and the significance of the two years which have passed since his slaying.

They also suggest giving the pupils the means with which to deal with their feelings of anger and frustration related to the assassination. The schools have also been advised to spend time dealing with the issue of disagreements being a legitimate part of a democratic society, and to teach pupils about ways to deal with disagreements and the language of discourse.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer recommended establishing "think tanks" in each school to determine what kind of programming should be conducted, to include the principal, grade advisers, the school psychologist, and representatives of the parents and the pupils.

"All children should be involved in these activities," Hammer said.

## RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By Josef Begun

The Russian press this week marked the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination by joining the conspiracy bandwagon.

Vesti presents Yevgeny Krafchick's interview with author Barry Hamisch, who gave Vesti the exclusive rights to translate his latest book, *Who Killed Yitzhak Rabin?* Hamisch asserts that Rabin's assassination originated in the US "to save the peace process." According to Hamisch, "Rabin was sacrificed to justify the suppression of the 'national movement' which resulted from the Oslo Accords."

He asserts that in early 1995 Rabin started to show signs of having second thoughts about dealing with the PLO. "He began to talk too much. And drink too much. Perhaps his conscience had awakened."

In some interviews, claims the author, Rabin admitted that George Bush pressed him to start the negotiations, as did [Henry] Kissinger. Hamisch contends there were people who decided "it was time to keep Rabin quiet..."

Asked to appear on a recent *Popolnica* dedicated to Rabin's assassination, his participation was cancelled. "It looks like there is no still place for alternate opinions on Israel TV," says Krafchick.

In *Novosty Nedeli*, the anonymous authors of article "Halacha according to Netanyahu," who use the collective name "The olim forum of Meretz," said, "Two years ago there were extreme right-wing demonstrations in Jerusalem led by Netanyahu, in which demonstrators carried a coffin bearing the sign 'Rabin is a murderer.' Two weeks later, Rabin was assassinated... We saw such anti-Jewish slogans in the USSR, such as 'Jews forgot what it means to be loyal citizens' and 'Jews: the fifth column.'"

### Primakov's visit

Russia aspires to return to the Middle East as a peacemaker, but its relations with Iran and Syria demonstrate, as *Novosty Nedeli*

comments on Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's visit, that "it is the same Russia that has supported Arab countries against Israel for 50 years." Ephraim Ganor, chief editor of the newspaper, says that "Primakov holds an olive branch in one hand and brandishes ballistic missiles in the other."

In *Ruski Izraelyanin*, Piotr Lukimson, discussing this crucial issue, quotes Primakov's denial of Russia's supplying rockets to Iran: "We are not such idiots... The situation there can change at any moment, and rockets can easily be turned 180 degrees." Meanwhile, Lukimson says, a high official of Primakov's team did not rule out the possibility that "some private Russian companies can supply weapons technology to Iran."

Avigdor Eskin in *Vesti* claims that "any clever Israeli politician can see the potential benefit for Israel in Russia's desire to return to the Middle East." He criticizes Israeli policy, which he says "reflects the inertia of old attitudes" and observes that "although Primakov is in charge of foreign policy in Moscow, there are high officials who see Islamic expansionism as a genuine threat."

### Moment of truth

Yisrael Ba'aliyah is undergoing a serious internal crisis. The leadership of the local and regional councils, according to Vesti, accuse the party administration of "totalitarian methods of management and aversion to openness and democracy." In response to the Vesti inquiry, party leader Natan Sharansky expressed surprise at these "unfounded accusations."

*Novosty Nedeli's* Ganor states that the party should mobilize all its forces to prepare for the 1998 municipal elections. But the members of the central committee are more involved with "turning the upcoming congress into an arena for an irreconcilable fight. Yisrael Ba'aliyah has never been as close to facing the moment of truth as it is now. The municipal elections will be the acid test for the party."

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**Doctors strike public hospitals today**

Doctors are to strike public, government, and Kapat Holim Chalit hospitals, as well as psychiatric and geriatric institutions today, the Israel Medical Association said yesterday. The doctors will work a Shabbat schedule, and all non-emergency surgery has been canceled. Outpatient clinics will also be closed. The doctors contend the Treasury has reneged on a March agreement to increase the number of physicians' slots at the hospitals. *Itim*

**General appoints reps for Holocaust fund**

Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer, said it appointed Israeli trustees to oversee the disbursement of a \$12 million fund to compensate relatives of policy holders who died in the Holocaust. Generali said it was setting up the fund in June. Earlier that month, the Knesset had called for a boycott of Migdal Insurance, a Generali subsidiary, unless the firm dealt with claims by heirs of Holocaust victims who were policyholders. The fund will begin operations in Israel next Tuesday, said Adi Ganani, a spokeswoman for Generali. The trustees will evaluate requests and decide how to disburse money, she said. *Bloomberg*

**Four Palestinians arrested**

Soldiers and police arrested four Palestinians from El Khader, near Bethlehem, on Monday night. The IDF Spokesman said yesterday a rifle and bullets were found in one of the Palestinians' homes and police had taken them for tests. *Margot Dudkevitch*

**Youths caught trying to burn Arab olive grove**

Police caught two 16-year-old Jewish youths on Monday as they attempted to set fire to an Arab-owned olive grove, near the settlement Ma'aleh Levona in Samaria. Judaea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said police patrolling the area spotted the two as they lit a fire. Sivan said police completed the investigation last night and the two would be allowed to return to their homes. Sivan said one of the youths told police he wanted to set fire to the olive grove because he hates Arabs and admitted to belonging to an extreme right-wing movement. Both youths live in Samaria, Sivan said, adding that police would file charges against them. *Margot Dudkevitch*

**Landau seeks source of subcommittee leak**

MK Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, is threatening to make members of the subcommittee on secret services undergo a lie detector test to discover the source of a leak on the testimony of Mossad head Danny Yatom to the subcommittee Monday. Channel 1's Amnon Abramovich reported Monday night on Yatom's eight-hour testimony on the Mashaal Affair, although the subcommittee is meant to work in complete secrecy. "We might as well disband the committee if everything said in it leaks out," Landau said. "People will not talk to it if they know everything they say will later be leaked to journalists." *Liat Collins*

**Soldiers' trial for jail rebellion postponed**

The trial of 18 soldiers accused of staging a jailhouse rebellion over the summer was postponed yesterday pending a High Court ruling on their petition to force the IDF to honor an agreement which guaranteed that they would not be tried for the mutiny. *Itim*

**Blumenthal: Burg misleading US Jews on conversion bill**

By **ARYEH DEAN COHEN**

Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) yesterday accused Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg of widening the rift between Israel and the Diaspora, and of spreading disinformation among North American Jews about the conversion issue. During a discussion of the lopsided victory scored by the

Conservative and Reform representatives in elections to the World Zionist Congress last month, Blumenthal said: "The things he [Burg] is saying about the conversion bill are disinformation that does not have pure intentions behind it." Blumenthal said such disinformation leads American Jews to feel they have been shunned and discriminated against, and contributes to their feeling distant from the State of Israel, without understanding the significance of the bill. "A conflagration has erupted in our relations with American Jews, expressed in the results of these elections, and we must do everything possible to extinguish it," she said. However, Burg asserted that the results reflected frustration, protest, and anger on the part of these Jews, some of it as a result of the conversion bill issue.

Paula Edelstein, of the Israeli Reform Movement, denied there was any disinformation among American Jews. "They feel that Israel is showing contempt for them, so they are reciprocating, and are drifting away from Israel. They feel that Israel is the only state where non-Orthodox Jews are considered second-class citizens, and where they cannot live according to their conscience," she said.

**MKs tell police: Take honor killings seriously**

By **ESTHER HECHT**

Eight unsolved murders of women in a single city - Ramle - are a phenomenon for which the Internal Security Ministry must give an explanation, MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadasah) said yesterday. This demand came at the end of a Knesset Status of Women Committee discussion of so-called family honor killings. Gozansky is committee vice-chairman for the non-Jewish sector.

"We can't expect women [in danger] to turn to the police if they feel the police don't take them seriously," Gozansky said. There is an unwritten black list of women marked for killing, according to Na'ila Awad, coordinator of I Badil, a coalition of organizations fighting domestic violence. The list includes women who have left their homes to study, as well as women who date Jews, wear "immodest" clothes or are seen smoking. "The police know about the list, but refuse to relate to it," Awad charged. Police representatives at the meeting said it was difficult to gather intelligence about domestic violence in the Arab sector.

According to Awad, murder is just the last step on the via dolorosa many Arab, Druze and Beduin women tread. Incest, beatings and forced marriages are often the precursors.

Changing attitudes is crucial, the participants agreed, but attempts to get Moslem and Christian clerics to denounce such killings in their sermons have met with dismal failure. Clerics invited to the meeting did not even bother to show up.

MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) said that local authority heads, MKs and educators also should be enlisted in the struggle.

Dr. Yumis Abu-Rabia warned against assuming Beduin educators have beliefs that differ from those of the population at large.

More Arab women are turning to shelters for battered women throughout the country, and establishing a shelter for them is a top priority, but there are no funds available, said Michal Hanoch Abudat, national supervisor on women's issues in the Social Affairs Ministry.

**Expert: Iraqi attack on Israel unlikely**

By **DAVID RUDGE**

Iraq is unlikely to launch missile attacks on Israel in the event of further conflict in the Gulf, according to Dr. Michael Eppel of the Middle East department of Haifa University and Oranim College.

It is estimated that Iraq still has 15-25 missiles, armed with conventional warheads, which are probably not in very good technical or mechanical condition, said Eppel.

"The possibility of an attack on Israel [in the event of confrontation with the UN] is not very high," he said. "The problem, however, is that [Iraqi President] Saddam Hussein is very unpredictable and therefore we must be aware that there is a certain level of danger."

"The threat from biological and chemical weapons is much greater, but there is no indication that the Iraqis have reached the point of being able to use them effectively and practically. Saddam is preparing for the moment when there will be no international supervision and then he will quickly develop these weapons and bring his missiles up to operational level."

"This is primarily to counter what he sees as the threat from Iran. He would probably only use missiles against Israel in the event of confrontation with the US in order to drive a wedge among the Arab states and embarrass them for siding with the Americans."

Eppel said Saddam's desire to limit international supervision of Iraq's weapons and munitions development is one of the reasons for his latest act of "brinkmanship." "Every few months he creates another crisis of one kind or another,



A soldier cleans a gas mask at a distribution center in a Jerusalem high school this week. Since the crisis with Iraq began, there have been reports that the number of people rushing to update their gas masks has tripled to 6,000 a day. (Text: Arieh O'Sullivan; Photo: AP)

er, with the Kurds in the north, near the Kuwaiti border, and now with the US and the UN," he said. "He wants to examine the strength of will of the US and the Security Council and create as much of a rift as possible among the

members and the US-led coalition, while continuing to try to ease economic sanctions on Iraq."

"Saddam also wants to try to humiliate the US and highlight its weaknesses, and he is ready to face the risks, including the possibility of retaliatory bombing and a tightening of sanctions."

"He has survived in the past and believes he will do so in the future. He can even make use of any retaliatory action for his own position inside Iraq," said Eppel.

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**Remembering a revolution**

Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov (third from right) brings flowers to Lenin's tomb yesterday ahead of Friday's 80th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. (AP)

# Much ado about zeros

### Just how justified is the panic about the millennium bug?

By GREG MILLER

One after another, the speakers stood before rapt audiences and conjured images of millennial Armageddon. "This is a national emergency," said one. "I'm very worried about the ability of a country to defend itself when it has no electricity. "Everything is going to fall apart," said another. "I'm going to the bank to take out all my money, buy wood because the heat won't work, go home and lock myself in."

A doomsday religious cult? A paranoid militia movement? No, technology professionals at a recent San Francisco conference on the Year 2000 computer problem. Apocalyptic scenarios permeate speeches, news coverage and even casual conversation about the monumental computer glitch. The forecasts are gripping, frightening — and probably way off.

Ask the experts combing the millions of lines of code that course through the nation's businesses and government agencies. They will tell you that the Year 2000 problem — the inability of some computers to handle 21st century dates — is both real and daunting. But they also will tell you it is awash in hype: Planes will not drop from the sky. Nuclear reactors will not melt down. Financial institutions will not freeze.

"It's going to be a dud," said David Starr, the chief information officer at Reader's Digest, and a former technology officer at General Motors, ITT and Citicorp.

"The fuse is going to go down to 2000, and we're going to wake up and nothing will have happened."

Starr's optimism is jarring in the face of headlines, such as a recent news magazine cover that predicted Jan. 1, 2000, would be "The Day the World Shuts Down." But Starr's outlook is shared by others in similar positions at some of the nation's largest companies — including banks, car makers and utilities — as well as trade associations, regulatory offices and government agencies.

Confronting presumed disaster, they are calm and collected. Few expect more than minor disruptions for customers and employees. Many say their critical computer systems don't pay attention to the date and are the least susceptible. Most have been working on the Year 2000 problem for years and expect to finish early.

None of the executives, analysts and experts interviewed for this article would say the problem is a myth. On the contrary, the world's computer resources are being strained as never before.

But they all agreed that software companies, consultants, speakers, authors and even some computer systems managers stand to benefit from the Year 2000 problem, and have an incentive to exaggerate the threat.

As one executive put it, "It's in some people's interest to say the sky is falling." All this over two lousy digits.

The Year 2000 problem stems from a space-saving technique

adopted by programmers decades ago, when computer memory was a precious commodity. Instead of using four spaces to record a year, they used two: 1968, for example, was recorded as 68.

Unless fixed, these programs won't know what to do on Jan. 1, 2000. Some may assume time has skipped back to 1900 and spit out erroneous data. Others may gag on the incomprehensible date and lock up.

Individually, the date fields are easy to repair. But they are buried in billions of lines of code around the world.

"It's like weeding a garden," said Sally Katzen, who oversees federal Year 2000 efforts for the Office of Management and Budget. "You just have to get in there and pull the weeds."

The weed-pulling started two years ago at Pacific Gas & Electric, one of California's largest utilities. John Greer, manager of computer systems, said the San Francisco-based company is on schedule to finish by the end of 1998.

"We had a magazine call us, and they were milking us to tell them that everything would turn black," he said. "But it's not going to happen." That's partly because the computer systems that manage the delivery of electricity are the least vulnerable.

"Our automated systems tell power plants to come on or off to meet demand," Greer said. "All of that is based on monitoring physical conditions — current, voltage and frequency. They're not looking at what day of the year it is."

Most nuclear reactors aren't even operated by computer, said Jared Wermiel, chief of the controls branch at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Like hospitals, nuclear plants have backup systems that use diesel generators. And safety mechanisms respond to changes in temperature, pressure or power, not the instructions of a computer.

Like most companies, Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) Year 2000 problems are centered in its mainframe computer systems that track bills, payroll and other financial documents that depend on dates. But even that repair work is proceeding better than expected.

Early estimates that the project would cost \$42 million have been lowered to about \$30m, partly because in searching for Year 2000

glitches, PG&E has stumbled onto many aging computer systems it can scrap altogether.

Southern California Edison also is ahead of the game. "There will be no impact on Edison's power grid," said Eric Trapp, manager of its Year 2000 effort.

Fixing the problem will never be considered cheap, especially since it offers little payoff other than the privilege of continued existence.

Some worldwide cost estimates for reprogramming or replacing affected computers are as low as \$50b. But most are in the \$200b range. That's what International Data Corp. concluded, for example, after surveying 500 companies last year on their Year 200 spending plans.

But the estimates that get the most attention are substantially higher, and are provided by two consulting firms that stand to profit from the Year 2000 problem: the Gartner Group and Software Productivity Research.

Gartner, which helps design repair strategies, predicts the total bill for Year 2000 problems worldwide could approach \$600b. That number has been cited repeatedly by the media, industry pundits and members of Congress.

But the Gartner analysts who produced the estimate acknowledge that it is little more than a guess, one they believe has about a 70 percent chance of being right.

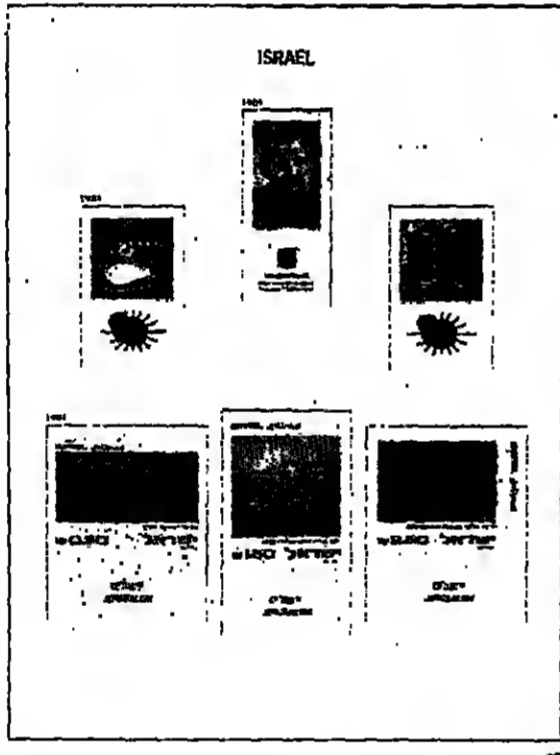
Gartner's forecast was made two years ago, and does not account for new software tools that automatically comb through programs to find the problem date fields. Further, it includes the cost of replacing hardware and software that companies and governments planned to replace anyway.

Gartner's estimate seems downright threadbare compared to others. Capers Jones, chairman of Software Productivity Research in Burlington, Mass., is about to publish a book that puts the total bill at \$3.6t.

Such huge numbers are hard to fathom considering that most companies say they are not allocating any extra money to fix the Year 2000 problem, and are earmarking less than 10 percent of their annual technology budgets.

But Jones said much of the bill will come after the turn of the century, when he predicts that businesses will spend \$880b, undoing Year 2000 screw-ups and fending off lawsuits. (Los Angeles Times)

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## Egyptians believe Diana was murdered

By JOHN LANCASTER

CAIRO — Judging from the local press, Egyptians are under constant threat from sinister foreign forces that seek to corrupt their morals, undermine their economy, and defame their Muslim faith. Not surprisingly, most of these alleged conspiracies originate in Israel, which stands accused here of flooding Egyptian markets with aphrodisiac chewing gum and deliberately infecting Egyptian young people with AIDS, among other things.

But now, it seems, Israel has some new competition in the conspiracy business: the British royal family.

Since Princess Diana and her Egyptian suitor, Dodi Fayed, died August 31 in a Paris car crash, Egyptian publishers have churned out a half-dozen books based on the chilling, if wholly unsubstantiated, claim that the two were killed on orders from Buckingham Palace. By this account, the royal family could not countenance the idea that the princess might marry a Moslem.

Nearly two months after the crash, Egypt's burgeoning tabloid-style press continues to offer regular installments on the same theme. One of Egypt's best-known film directors, Khairy Beshara, plans a movie on the star-crossed couple's short and tragic romance that will focus on "the nature of women, using Diana as an example, in a society filled with tradition." The royal family, he added, will serve as the "symbol" of unyielding tradition.

He will not point fingers, he said, but will "give people all the information and let them draw their own conclusions."

"The world still needs to know what really happened that night," the weekly *Dustour* newspaper recently intoned.

While a few Egyptian commentators have poked fun at the theory, the dominant response among Egyptians has been uncritical acceptance.

Their reaction sheds light on several important aspects of the Egyptian national character — in particular, its deep and abiding suspicion of the West and its hypersensitivity to any perceived slights to the Muslim faith.

"They would never let Diana marry a Moslem," said Abdel Nabi Ali, 32, a fruit vendor in the upscale riverfront neighborhood of Zamelak. "God will not forgive them for how they treat Arabs. The only reason they killed the couple was because they were getting married." Added Hassan Salah, 56, an upholsterer: "They are not fooling anyone. How can they allow an Arab to enter the royal circle? We aren't good enough for them. That's why they call us the Third World."

Egypt's susceptibility to conspiracy theories is not entirely without foundation. The history of the Middle East is rife with real-life conspiracies, from the palace intrigues of the Ottoman era to Israel's botched attempt last month to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan by injecting him with an exotic poison.

Many Egyptians, moreover, were miffed by the refusal of their former colonial ruler to grant citizenship to Fayed's father, Mohamed Fayed, owner of Harrods department store in London. They also felt slighted by Western media reports that treated the death of his son as little more than a footnote to that of Diana.

Reports of a plot to kill Dodi and Diana surfaced within days of the accident. "British intelligence killed her to save the throne, just as the CIA killed Marilyn Monroe at the same age," columnist Azis Mansour wrote in Egypt's leading newspaper, *al-Ahram*. "When it comes to marrying a Moslem from whom she might have borne a boy named Mohammed or a girl named Fatimah and that Moslem child would be the brother of the king of England, the guardian of the church, there had to be a solution."

Some Egyptian commentators have mocked their countrymen's penchant for believing the worst. The *al-Ahram Weekly*, for example, dryly comments on the failure of one sensation-mongering author to "implicate the French company that built the tunnel in which the murder took place."

(The Washington Post)

# Latin America isn't Asia

Having graduated the 1995 peso crisis, South America's major economies are weathering the financial storm which wreaked havoc on the other side of the globe

By ANTHONY FAIOLA

BUENOS AIRES — On the surface, it seemed like the Asia Crisis Revisited, with Spanish and Portuguese subtitles.

Panicked investors in Latin America sparked billions of dollars' worth of losses on Latin stock markets last week. In Brazil — the hardest-hit nation and the region's largest — speculators tried to force the devaluation of the local currency, the real, causing the Central Bank to double interest rates overnight.

But experts caution that while Brazil's troubles may yet worsen, possibly touching off a regional economic slowdown, the foundations of most other Latin American economies — including those of Argentina, Chile and Mexico — are far more sound than the Asian countries now in the grips of fiscal chaos.



While the Brazilian stock market took a pounding — and the country's troubles may yet worsen — most other Latin American economies are far more sound than the Asian countries now in the grips of fiscal chaos. (AP)

Experts attribute that partly to the 1994 Mexican peso crisis that forced many countries to implement conservative banking rules and fiscal policies.

"Latin America has already learned its lesson," said Carlos Kawall, chief economist for Citibank in Sao Paulo, Brazil. "We're not looking at another Asia in Latin America."

But that does not mean things cannot take a turn for the worse, or that there are not significant risks in the region, which has lured billions of dollars in investment from US and international companies in the 1990s. The decade has been marked by shifts toward free-market economies and the privatization of state-run industries.

Brazil, in particular, still faces major economic burdens. And it remains the wild card that could yet bring the castle tumbling down as other regional economies increasingly become linked to the nation that represents half of Latin America's industrial output.

Brazil still has a high trade deficit and an overvalued currency, making it harder to sell its products abroad. The government's decision to raise interest rates — to 40 percent from 20 percent annually — will also make it harder for foreigners to finance the billions still needed to privatize the state-run industries.

Economists caution that leaving interest rates too high for too long could cause a national recession and increase unemployment from 5.5% to at least 7%. At the very least, analysts say last week's actions will slow Brazil's growth

to between 2% and 3% this year from the 5% initially predicted.

Indeed, some department stores in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro already have announced plans to curtail credit starting Monday, temporarily halting the long-term installment loans that have become so popular.

"It's a sobering effect," said Roberto Alemann, a financial analyst in Buenos Aires. "It's saying 'wake up' to Brazil. They still need to take additional steps to downsize government and make tax and pension reforms that would help ensure its economic future."

Yet, experts say, when Brazil's economy is compared to some of the Asian tigers, its fundamentals are more sound. Take, for example, Brazil's current account deficit, a measure analysts use to assess national economic health. Brazil's stands at 4.3% of its gross domestic product. And while 2% or lower is considered healthy, Thailand's current account deficit soared to

8% just before its economic crisis.

And although some smaller banks had liquidity problems after last week's crisis, there is no evidence the Brazilian banking industry has made the kind of outrageously speculative loans on real estate and factories that were made in Asia, which became one of the largest reasons for the collapse.

"There is a more solid banking system in Brazil, and in most of Latin America, than there is in Asia," said Daniel Tassan-Din, head of research for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Inc. in Buenos Aires. "In Asia, they discovered the Central Bank of Thailand was playing in the gold markets. Private banks were giving out speculative loans on overvalued development projects. That kind of thing isn't happening here."

Although the Brazilian Central Bank was forced to spend almost 15% of its cash reserves to shore up the real last week, it still maintains far more reserves than its

Asia counterparts. "Brazil could still pay off its entire short-term national debt with what's left of its cash reserves," said Citibank's Kawall. "Asia is more highly leveraged." Meanwhile, other countries in the region, specifically Argentina, Mexico and Chile, stand on even firmer fiscal ground — mostly from weathering the Mexican peso crisis in 1994.

In Argentina, where economic growth is expected to reach 8% this year, a strong, consolidated banking system and conservative Central Bank resulted from the Mexican crisis. Argentina's Central Bank has signed an agreement with international banks to secure \$6.1 billion to cover deposits in case of a huge withdrawal from the system. The level of national cash reserves also remains high: The Central Bank could cover 33% of the total private deposits in the Argentine banking system, almost double its capacity during the peso crisis.

The country also already made many tough government downsizing decisions that reduced pressure on the national budget.

Chile, the region's economic star because of its high economic growth and aggressive free-trade moves, has developed a complex financial system that limits the amount of foreign capital that can leave the country in a short period of time. Such measures make huge investor flight, as seen in Asia, difficult at best.

Mexico is slowly emerging from its worst recession in 60 years in the aftermath of the peso crash. But economic analysts said that safeguards and precautions initiated as a result helped brace Mexico for last week's global chain reaction and left the country's economy relatively unscathed.

Three years ago, Mexico faced many of the problems now troubling Asian nations: runaway inflation, overvalued currency, a weak banking system, high national debt and heavy dependence on short-term foreign investments. Today, inflation is a fairly moderate 15%, the peso has been one of the world's most stable currencies this year, and the nation has sharply curbed its foreign debt and encouraged more long-term foreign investment.

Mexican economists and government officials remain nervous, however, because while the economy is recovering steadily overall, middle- and lower-class Mexicans have seen far less improvement in their economic condition since the crash.

(The Washington Post)

## Sifting the debris

The prime minister of Thailand is the first victim of this year's Asian flu — the virus being financial, the casualty fortunately only political.

Since modern stock market crashes have become "corrections," fatal leaps from office windows happen only in cartoons, and Prime Minister Chaovalit Yongchaiyut is merely resigning.

### Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Real Asian flu used to be one of those unpredictable winter events. It would sweep out of the Orient, lay half the world low for a week, then vanish just as mysteriously, leaving behind some lingering aches, a few sniffles and long boring anecdotes about how one got it, endured it, and fought it off.

Once or twice a century it would strike hard, bringing heavy fatalities. This, like the 1929 stock market crash, would be nothing to make light of and would leave years of grief in its wake.

Science and vaccination have tamed the most vicious Asian flus. So far, Electronic science and computer circuit-breakers have done much the same for stock market crashes. So far.

### Trendy dabblers

The loud sneezes and groans of agony from last week's global epidemic are subsiding and the healthier patients are recovering (Australia's market has made a still rising 10 percent recovery in two days). To switch metaphors, it may now be safe to take some tentative steps into the debris to survey the damage wrought by this "correction." Tentative, minimum-knowledge dabblers in the stock markets and in the trendy "emerging markets" have been taught that other trendy phrases, like "globalization," actually mean something.

Emerging means emerging, not emerged. Doesn't anybody remember how long it took Europe and the Americas to emerge fully? Global also means global. When speculators rattled the ringgit — which most of us had never heard of — and the tiny vibrations traveled via Thailand to be amplified on the great Asian sounding-board of Hong Kong, it wasn't long before the whole globe was ringing like one of those cartoon cats hit by a falling anvil.

And did anyone ever expect to see a headline saying "Asian storm batters Brazil?" (Brazil doubled its basic interest rate on Friday from 20 to 40 percent to prop up its currency.)

### Chattering classes

Another lesson which nearly everyone had learned, and then forgotten, is that in economics there are no experts, only analysts. For months, the chattering expert classes have filled the 24-hour screens of the CNN, NBC and BBC business channels, actually debating the stability of the runaway Wall Street Dow

index. Name one person who predicted that it would be Hong Kong that would crash, bringing the mighty Dow and London FTSE down through the hole in the floor.

The chastened experts have again become the mere analysts they are, explaining with hindsight why it should have been obvious all along — just as they did with even less credibility after the Dow-led 1987 crash nobody predicted. So, after it all races past, who is left on the sidewalk? In the first place, there is no guarantee the worst is over yet.

What was wrought in Asia could well be heading for Latin America now and, even if forewarned is forearmed, it could still be a rough ride.

In Asia, an investor's best bet probably is to make a contribution to the Save the Tiger fund. That's the furry one — no one is going to be rushing out to buy paper tigers for a long time.

### Silent clank

In the hierarchy of disaster, Thailand is probably the worst hit if we look at the collapse of Asian currencies against the US dollar rather than at the gyrations of stock markets. Over the past four months the Thai currency lost almost 40% of its value. It was followed by Indonesia (33%), Malaysia (27%), Philippines (24%), Singapore (9.5%) and South Korea (8%).

The currency of Hong Kong, where the great crash (er, correction) began, has scarcely moved — because being pinned to the US dollar, it's not allowed to, and that makes it very expensive for speculators to attack.

Taiwan too weathered the storm better than many, both on its stock market and in its currency. Taiwan is buffered by massive foreign currency reserves — with 21 million people it still has \$90 billion in the vaults.

The Asian country that suffered least, of course, is mighty Japan. But in the silence after the storm, a piece of plaster could be heard falling off its wall yesterday with the collapse of Sanyo Securities, an important mid-level broker from whom the banks and insurance companies pulled away the props. (No relation to the well-known Sanyo. It's a common Japanese name meaning "three seas," which is as good an economic metaphor for Japan's position between Asia and the United States as any.)

A final footnote. Most previous market crashes, when seen on long-term graphs of equity performance, look like mere blips. In fact, they do look like "corrections," as the chart catches a deep breath before climbing the next steep hill.

Is this a hint to dive in now and place your bets for the next upward surge? Certainly not. If I knew anything about predicting the markets, do you think I'd be sitting here writing a column for a living?

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## Confront Saddam

To call Iraq's Saddam Hussein a bully is really to give him too much credit. Saddam's attempt to tweak the United States by turning away American inspectors on a United Nations team is more akin to a toddler testing his parents. Though parents must not use force, any parent knows that the consequences of not somehow establishing their authority. In Iraq's case, the consequence will be a strengthened Saddam Hussein with hidden weapons of mass destruction.

The United States is portraying Saddam's latest gambit as a challenge to the United Nations. It certainly is that, since UN operations all over the globe would be jeopardized if citizens of an individual country - in this case the US - can be removed from an inspection team mandated by the Security Council. The American inspectors are not in Iraq as Americans but as members of UNSCOM, a UN organization created to enforce UN resolutions.

The US, however, cannot afford to act as if Saddam has only taken on the United Nations, and not the US itself. Not only were Americans singled out, but Saddam threatened to shoot down American U-2 reconnaissance aircraft - not too credible a threat, but a threat nonetheless.

As much as we tend to act as if the UN were a fully independent entity, it is no more than the sum of its member nations. Since it is the United States that has - to its credit - taken upon itself the maintenance of the UN's backbone on this issue, it is the US that is the primary target of Saddam's challenge.

Maintaining that backbone has not been easy. If it were not for Saddam's exquisite sense of timing, the US might have eventually succumbed to the relentless pressure from the French, Russians, and Chinese to prematurely lift the sanctions regime. America's increasing isolation in the Security Council on doubt led Saddam to think he could get away with singling out the US inspectors. Now, even those countries seeking to lose the reins on Saddam have rallied around the US position, and the Western coalition against Saddam has been reconstituted.

The question is whether this new-found Western unity will be allowed to dissipate and leave Saddam victorious, or whether the US and its allies will learn from their mistakes. The current crisis, for example, is clearly not only the bitter fruit of the division sown by omissions in doing business with Saddam, but of the inadequate responses to the last two crises.

In June, the UN Security Council threatened to take action against Iraq by October if Saddam did not stop harassing the inspection teams, then led by Rolf Ekeus. On October 6, oew UNSCOM head Richard Butler reported that the harassment had continued, particularly against inspectors searching for biological and chemical weapons. The US and Britain then sought a resolution slapping an international travel ban on Iraqis, but were forced to back down in the face of veto threats from France, Russia, and China.

A perhaps even clearer sign of weakness - and if there is anything Saddam thinks he is good at, it is smelling weakness - was the US response to Saddam seeding his troops into the Kurdish-controlled city of Irbil and evicting a major CIA operation there. The US responded with strikes against radar installations in the south, far away from the center of power or the site of the offense. Even in the US, this response was widely considered weak and ineffective.

Now the choice before the US is clear: Convince its former coalition partners that "all necessary means" must be used to force Iraq to comply with UN resolutions and divulge and destroy its weapons of mass destruction, or take some symbolic response which will fool no one, least of all Saddam Hussein.

In comparison with the craven behavior of France, Russia, and China, the US certainly deserves credit for its leadership role. Leadership, however, does not only mean doing the right thing, but convincing others to follow. The Clinton administration needs to frame the issue in its real proportions for America and its allies: There will be no better opportunity to hold the line against the deadly combination of rogue regimes with doomsday weapons.

## The bomb on our doorstep

Israel's negotiators at Oslo intended that the agreements would lead to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. No amount of denials by Labor Party leaders can change this fact. Virtually all the makings of sovereignty and independence are embedded in the language of those agreements.

The Palestinian members of the negotiating team have confirmed that this was the common understanding of both sides, even though statehood was not explicitly mentioned in the final document.

Today, long before the final status negotiations have begun, the territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority is out of bounds to Israelis. Any Israeli who happens to stray into areas A or B risks his life.

In drastic contrast, Palestinians by the droves visit Israeli towns and villages, sit in restaurants and cafes, are treated in Israeli hospitals and not a hair on their head is harmed, even on a day when Israelis are murdered by Palestinian suicide bombers.

### YOSSI BEN-AHARON

external security, there is nothing to prevent the Palestinian Authority from importing advanced and heavy weaponry, thereby creating a foreign military base positioned next to Israel's heartland.

There is therefore a dangerous contradiction between article X4 mentioned above, and article XI and XII in annex I of the Gaza-Jericho Agreement of May 4.

### Arafat is just one step away from declaring the independence of his state

The latter articles refer to the establishment of an airfield in Dahaniya and a maritime port in Gaza, both under the control of the PA. Negotiations on the two outlets have been going on sporadically for some time. Israeli representatives have intimated that the obstacle to reaching an agreement pertains to the security arrangements, which Israel insists on setting up in or around the ports. On their part, the Palestinians are adamantly opposed to the emplacement of Israeli controllers and monitoring

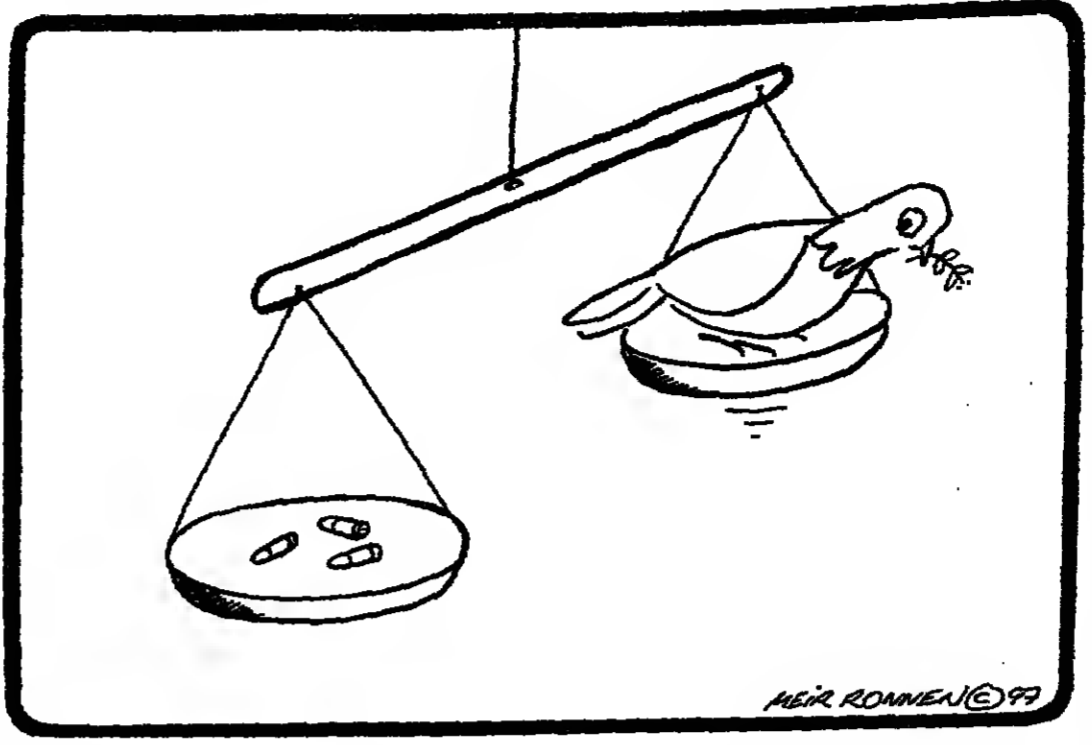
### equipment on the spot.

Even without having an airfield and a port at their disposal, Palestinian VIP's, right up to Yasser Arafat himself, have been caught smuggling wanted terrorists, arms and explosives into the PA territory. There can be no doubt that no matter how intensive and elaborate Israeli security arrangements may be, PA officials will find the ways and means of increasing the smuggling into their territory of people and weapons that represent a real threat to Israel.

The issue is not just a problem of security. Arafat is just one step away from declaring the independence of his state. He controls territory (albeit limited and fragmented), a functioning government service, a large bureaucracy and several police and security forces. He has some 40,000 to 50,000 men under arms - a veritable army - in flagrant violation of the agreements. He only lacks control over the entry and exit to his state-in-the-making. Without this, he cannot really claim to rule a sovereign entity.

Israel will be committing a tragic blunder if it grants him this request. It might just as well place a bomb at its doorstep, a bomb that cannot be defused except by war.

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## Italy, for example

Reputations take a long time to build up, but are subject to rapid collapse when things go wrong. Negative stereotypes, on the other hand, tend to live on long past the point when they are obsolete.

Specific examples of these generalities are now plentiful. Japan eventually threw off its image as a mass-producer of cheap junk, to emerge as "the new economic superpower." By the end of the 1980s, virtually everyone agreed that the Japanese had wiped the floor with the Americans and were leading what was going to be "the Pacific century."

But then the entire Japanese economic miracle went poof. Result: the same years that had been hailed as the period of Japanese excellence have become known - especially in Japan itself - as the era of "the bubble economy," when everything that looked good was really a mirage. Even now, it's not clear when, if ever, Japan will get its act together again.

The Japanese model is now being repeated all over Asia, as the entire group of "tiger economies" are now being shown up as "paper tigers." South Korea in particular, along with the south-east Asian countries that have dominated the news recently - Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and even the former pariahs of Vietnam, Taiwan and Hong Kong - are now in deep trouble. Their years of glory, characterized by rapid growth that was the envy of the industrialized world, are seen as a delusion, both on the part of the countries themselves, their governments and citizens, but also (and perhaps especially) on the part of the Western investors and money managers who poured untold billions into them, in the effort to be part of "the Pacific century," model II. Now that the idols have fallen, nobody will touch even something that has genuine value, since everyone in the affected countries or region is tarred with the same brush.

The same dynamic process is at work in much less "exotic" places than Thailand and Taiwan. Britain, whose long period of decline made it the sick man of Europe for most of the post-war period, suddenly became,

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over the last decade, the most dynamic economy in Europe. First, in the late 1980s, whilst continental Europe was bogged down in structural problems so deep-seated they became known as "Euro-sclerosis," Britain enjoyed a boom based on the "Thatcher revolution." Then, in the 1990s, Britain was the first to recover from the recession that engulfed the West, and its perfor-

### The Asian tigers are all dead. Why not seek inspiration closer to home?

manence in recent years has made it the envy of its European neighbors, especially with regard to unemployment. However much they don't like the idea, the Continental countries are being forced to move in the direction of flexible labor markets and deregulated and/or privatized public sectors.

They are also going to have to dump their state-funded pension systems and revamp their social welfare systems, because they simply can't pay for them any more. These issues are widely recognized, but it is equally clear that achieving these goals requires firm government and determined leadership. In this context, one might expect that a country with strong and stable institutions, and especially one boasting the strongest political leadership of any European country - i.e. Germany under Helmut Kohl - would take the lead.

In fact, however, Germany has proven itself incapable of legislating structural reforms in social welfare, taxes and pensions. So has France, which can't even privatize key public sector firms. Incredibly, to anyone living by the accepted stereotypes of national character and capabilities, it is Italy that is now the undisputed leader in the process of structural reform in Europe.

"FIRM government" and Italy are, to most people's minds, the quintessence of incompatibility.

"Tough decisions by the Italian government," as a book, would run to about as many pages as the legendary "Great victories of the Swiss navy." That is, it would have done until just a few years ago.

But the new reality, reflecting the dynamics of economic and political developments even in seemingly stuck-in-the-mud Italy, is quite different. The collapse of Cold War politics in Italy has triggered a fundamental redrawing of the political map, as hitherto unsuspected forces of public opinion have come to the fore. The Italian people are so fed up with the old, corrupt system that ran the country until the 1990s, that they are the most pro-European populace of any of the European Union's 15 member states.

That means meeting European standards - such as cutting inflation from over 10% to below 2% per annum? Never mind, we'll swallow the medicine and get there. What about bloated government budgets and the biggest and poorest welfare states in Europe? We'll eliminate them. And those cushy pensions for the huge public sector, early retirement and all the rest? They'll go too, as will indexed wage scales and other impediments to private sector competitiveness on European and global markets.

A whole list of problems that seemed insurmountable, and that therefore seemed to ensure that Italy was doomed to remain the butt of derisive pty on the part of the Germans and other Northern Europeans, have been systematically addressed and overcome over the last five years. Or, as Italian Prime Minister Prodi said last weekend, after getting parliamentary approval for at least a partial pension reform, "let's see the Germans do that."

In other words, yesterday's heroes can be today's basket cases, and today's schlepners really can turn themselves around to become tomorrow's exemplars. One hundred years after Hertz coined the aphorism, it remains true that "if you really want it, it's no myth." Pity that no one in Israel believes in that anymore.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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DANIEL DOTAN  
 Safed.

### A STRANGER

Sir, - I am the son of Jewish parents, and according to the law, I am a Jew. Now, that I am 73 years old and living in Israel since 1948, the prime minister of Israel has declared that because I do not share his political views, I am not a Jew. Also, the heads of the ruling religious parties have declared that I am not a Jew if I do not accept the Orthodox Jewish way of life.  
 I am a secular and peace-loving Jew. Am I a stranger in my own country? Where shall I go?

ISRAEL WILHEIM  
 Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 5, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that the driver and two passengers of an Egged bus were wounded when they were fired on Jerusalem-Jaffa road. The IPC pipeline was punctured and set on fire and a bomb was thrown at the Beisan (Beit She'an) police station.  
 A firm reaffirmation of the statement that the figure of 8,000 certificates for Jewish immigration was fixed as a purely temporary measure for eight months was announced in London. Resentment against these new immigration restrictions was expressed by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.  
 Two British soldiers were killed near the SPICA Animal Hospital, in Jerusalem. A curfew was imposed on the Silwan village after police tracking dogs stopped near two Arab houses there. A number of arrests were made.

50 years ago: On November 5, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported from Lake Success that the US and Russia had agreed to try to compromise their proposals for the early partition of Palestine.  
 Moshe Shertok, representative of the Jewish Agency, accepted the idea of a single currency system for the two states with a common exchange rate. David Horowitz suggested that both states should enjoy American subsidies and that all international conventions and treaties affecting customs, tariffs, communications and commercial matters generally, should be entered jointly by both states.  
 Three armed Arabs ambushed the Alumim settlement lorry wounding one person. There was a spate of shootings and ambushes throughout the country.

Palestinian travelers would soon be able to go to Britain by rail, via Central Europe, Palestine Railways announced.  
 25 years ago: On November 5, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* announced that the Arab-owned electric company in East Jerusalem and the Israel Electric Corporation agreed on an emergency link of their lines, to meet the severe electricity crisis that had plagued East Jerusalem and most of the West Bank with periodic blackouts. Permanent linking was agreed upon to start the following year.  
 Jews who fled Syria described inhuman life there. They were denied basic human rights and some were beaten and imprisoned on various pretexts.  
 Alexander Zvielli

## Divisive factor

DAVID KIMCHE

A strange and unlikely group gathered together late last month in an idyllic setting on a hilltop overlooking the Rhine in Germany. Among them were Israelis and prominent figures from communities in the Jewish Diaspora: Britain, France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia and the US, as well as German politicians, academics and writers.

The gathering was the brainchild of Lord Weidenfeld of Britain who, together with the illustrious Bertelsmann Foundation, has sponsored a series of German-Jewish dialogues over the past years.

More than half a century has passed since the Holocaust, but Europe, now more than ever, is still trying to come to terms with the darkest pages of its history. And we, the Jews, watch entranced as one European nation after another grapples with its past, examines such attributes as nationalism and patriotism in the light of the Jewish Question and the deeds committed against the Jews in the name of these attributes. As one of the participants at the Rhine gathering put it: "If Germany was the blackest of black, then the other countries of Europe, with the noble exceptions of Denmark and Bulgaria, must be defined in different shades of gray, some darker than others."

We watch, fascinated, as new facts are unveiled of the pandering to the Nazi regime by so-called neutral countries; we listen, astonished, to the self-criticism of the Vatican, to the apologies of the Catholic Church of France and of the French Police; we follow, uncomprehending, the starts and stops of the Papon trial.

Germany, however, is a case unto itself. Side-by-side with their continuing self-analysis, the Germans seek to reconcile themselves to their terrible past. In no other country in Europe are there more institutions studying different aspects of Judaism as in Germany. Nor has any other country in Europe been so willing to accept within its borders Jews from East European countries, especially those from the former Soviet Union, so much so that "the Jewish community" in Germany is now the third largest in western Europe. Germany, moreover, has become the staunchest ally of Israel in Europe.

How should we in Israel react to this renaissance of Jewish life in Germany? What should we say to the fact that there is, now a small but vibrant Jewish community living in Poland? Is this shocking? Yes, given the past and the memories that will forever be branded in Jewish consciousness.

President Weizman declared during his state visit to Germany in 1996, that "Jews have no reason to live in Germany." Yet the fact that the president of the State of Israel made that statement while on a state visit to Germany points to the inconsistencies and confusion that govern our attitudes to Germany.

On the one hand is the unforgettable and unforgettable past, on the other, the new, democratic Germany of a younger generation born in the aftermath of the terrible crimes their fathers committed, who consciously seek ways to reach out to Israel and to the Jewish people. We must not brand the younger generation, nor cast guilt on the innocent.

For most Israelis the idea of a Jewish community in Germany or Poland will always be an anomaly. We would certainly have preferred to see those ex-Soviet Jews coming to Israel instead of going to Germany or to the US or anywhere else, for that matter. The Zionist ideology of the ingathering of the exiles is still very strong. And, indeed, today nearly 40% of the entire Jewish people live in Israel.

Yet we must not turn our backs on the Jewish communities in the Diaspora, even those in Germany or Poland. They are racked by the vicissitudes of assimilation, torn by a search for identity. Most of these Jews are not religious in the Orthodox sense. Yet they feel Jewish and are Jewish and we in Israel should be making every effort to help them preserve their Jewish identity.

Unfortunately the opposite is happening. As one of the participants from Britain said at the German-Jewish dialogue: "Israel has become a divisive factor instead of a unifying force."

We should be following Ahad Ha'am's thesis that Israel should be a moral and spiritual center for the Diaspora. That idea, given the message that is going forth to the Diaspora from the internet strife in Israel today, is laughable. The rejection by Orthodox circles of the Neeman Committee proposals is threatening the very foundations of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora and will further weaken the Jewish communities. Ahad Ha'am must be turning in his grave!

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The simple, user-friendly disk consists entirely of multiple choice questions: vowelized Hebrew words (in printed letters) it might have also been advisable to display cursive Hebrew as well) are presented, and the user must click on one of the multiple-choice English or French translations for it. Sometimes it's tricky for a novice; for example, *harbeh* (many, much) is given with an option of "rabbi," which has a similar sound.

Incorrect answers produce red frowning circles ("a strike"), each of which disappears only when you receive a minimum number of correct responses. If you've accumulated five strikes, the game is over. Once you do well at your level, you're automatically bumped up into the next level. If you're tired, or want to snack, there's a pause button - but it'll work only if you've already answered the question at hand. You can't pause to look up the word in a dictionary - no cheating!

The user can stop playing altogether, but that completely aborts the game: played and the score is not registered. When you finish, you'll get a Hebrew-knowledge rating between that of a low-level Hebrew speaking "US ambassador" to that of a high-level "Speaker of the Knesset" (although I know of some US ambassadors who speak better Hebrew than the Knesset speaker).

The program, which has a detailed help menu, also automatically reviews all erroneous answers. If you play against an opponent, either choosing answers with the mouse or by pressing the 1 through 4 or 7 through 0 keys on the keyboard, you can play "ping pong," in which each player has a turn, or "lighting," in

which the first to answer correctly scores. Wondering why the program doesn't offer a full word list with definitions, I called TES president Emanuel Fishman. He said that within six months, a special diskette will be prepared to upgrade the program of all disk purchasers with exactly that feature. They will then be able to print out word lists and study them as a supplementary source and then be tested by the disk. Since the upgrade will be free, one needn't postpone purchase until the diskette is available.

# In search of Mary Poppins

It's Monday morning, and the indoor playground in Tel Aviv's Gan Ha'ir mall sounds like the United Nations. As toddlers climb on the slides and peek in and out of the miniature plastic houses, their nannies chat with one another in Hebrew, English, French, and Tagalog, the native language of the Philippines.

Linda, a 22-year-old Filipina, chases Ziv, her year-old charge, chatting with him in a mixture of Hebrew and English.

"I've been taking care of him since he was six months old," she says.

Hiring foreigners to watch children is a fact of life in most of greater Tel Aviv and much of the rest of the country as well. Many families turn to foreign nannies or au pairs following problems with Israeli caregivers - usually over differences regarding salary and working hours.

Even the prime minister has done this. Following the Netanyahu family's fiasco last year with an Israeli nanny, the family recently obtained a permit for a Filipino one - a feat which is impossible for all but those with the best connections. Most people who want a foreign nanny must hire one illegally.

The controversial trial and conviction of 19-year-old Louise Woodward, the British au pair found guilty last week of murder in Massachusetts, has been followed closely by Israeli agencies that supply nannies and au pairs.

**HILMA SHMOSHKOVITZ**, a well-known Tel Aviv agent for nannies and au pairs, says that Woodward fell into the most misunderstood category of workers - the au pair.

"There is a difference between a nanny and an au pair," she explains. "A nanny is a girl who only takes care of the child, feeds the child, cleans up after the child, does its laundry. But when a family takes an au pair, they expect her to keep the house clean, do the laundry, cook, and take care of the children.

"It's funny; the press called Tanya [Shaw] - the girl the Netanyahu's fired - a nanny, but she was cooking for the whole family; she was doing more than being a nanny."

She says she often gets irritated with families that want au pairs. "They want this girl to keep the house cleaner than they would themselves."

For the past year, she has been placing Israeli girls who, like Woodward, are willing to accept a low wage in order to work legally in the US.

"Officially, they can go from the age of 18, but I won't accept them that young. We say they must be after the army, usually aged 20-21, preferably with a driver's license, recommendations from people whose children they have cared for and a certain number of hours of child-care experience.

"The program I represent is called Au Pair USA. The girls make only about \$140 a week; they commit to stay for the year, they undergo a week of orientation and training in New York before they go to the homes. But the employers have to know this is cultural exchange. They are supposed to have time to take a course if they wish."

And what of Louise Woodward? Like many, Shmoshkovitz doesn't believe that the baby was murdered intentionally or necessarily abused. "She could have been so tired she dropped the baby."

TO ISRAELI parents frightened by the Woodward story, she advises that such situations can best be avoided by keeping a close eye on one's nanny and making sure she is not overburdened.

"I had a young girl from South Africa available and a family that demanded some help immediately because the mother was about to give birth," she recollects. "I wasn't sure they fit one another but I said that they could try out this girl and see how things work out.

The Louise Woodward case has conjured up fears for many working parents. Allison Kaplan Sommer looks at how to avoid a nanny nightmare



Can you trust the person caring for your child? It's often a matter of instinct. (Nissan Shorer)

"Well, it turns out that they expected her to take care of the newborn, watch their two-year-old

Even when an au pair's duties are clearly spelled out, problems can arise.

demand of themselves if they were not working." Veronica Grossbard, who has

**Most working parents end up having to trust a stranger with what is most precious to them**

Einaf Weit, 22, from Kfar Maimon, spent time working as an au pair for a British family in London.

"I thought we had spelled out my duties clearly in writing. But the problem is, once you are living in someone else's house, in a foreign country, you are totally dependent on them and it is fairly impossible to say no when they ask you to do a million and one things beyond what you agreed upon. And then there is the difficulty of understanding the mentality of a foreign family. It wasn't easy."

**'Families often put too much emphasis on keeping the house spic-and-span. The baby should come first.'**

Shmoshkovitz says that in Israel, "families often put too much emphasis on the housework, keeping the house spic-and-span. The baby should come first."

"If they want everything to work out, they should understand the girls, and not expect from the girls much more than they would

been an agent for nearly 20 years, says she has never had an Israeli family complain of any of her nannies abusing a child.

She says for families to feel comfortable with their nanny they should "work with a reputable

# Should toddlers watch television?

Sasha, 18 months old, brings the 101 Dalmatians videotape to her mother. Irit hesitates. She knows Sasha will sit through the entire movie as she has dozens of times before. She feels she shouldn't let her baby watch quite so much TV, but she also needs a break. She slips the video into the VCR while Sasha settles on the couch. After watching with her daughter for a few minutes, Irit goes into the kitchen to make herself a cup of coffee and phone a friend.

Both Adina and Irit relish the breaks television provides from life with an active and demanding baby or toddler. But both also wonder whether they are doing the right thing by letting their little ones watch TV.

Most of the classic books on child-rearing say that babies and toddlers don't really watch television. "No one thought that kids under two-and-a-half paid any attention to TV until we bothered to look and see," said John Wright, professor of human development and psychology at the University

of Kansas and co-director of the Center for Research on the Influence of Television on Children. Studies show that babies as young as six months respond to the sights and sounds on a television screen and that children between one and two react to TV characters by imitating them, pointing, and naming them.

attention to the whole show), Wright says that the "TV habit" can begin early.

Like many experts on the subject, Wright sounds ambivalent about whether or not TV-watching is harmful to young children. "Beware of using electronic baby-sitting," he tells parents. Yet when asked how harmful it is, he replies, "Not very, unless you do it all the time."

In Wright's opinion, which he stresses is not data-based, one-half hour of TV daily is plenty for a pre-school aged child.

Says Wright: "Children today are going to get most of their information and spend more time interacting with electronic screens than they are with print on paper. Some of the best, most intellectually stimulating, culturally elevating, humanistically powerful things are going to come that way." Still, he says, it's important to limit the time children watch and more important to limit what they see.

"It's important to limit the

other child-development experts warn that the short segments on most children's TV shows teach young children to want constant change, stimulation and excitement. They point out that one- and two-year-olds need to be moving, exploring, using their bodies and interacting with others rather than sitting passively in front of a screen.

If we look to the experts for answers about whether or not to let our babies and toddlers watch TV, we'll get conflicting advice. The best we can do, as with most child-rearing dilemmas, is to take it all in, mix it with our intuition and make our own decisions.



By Ruth Mason

It's 8 a.m. in the Levi household. Adina has prepared 14-month-old Ariel's breakfast and put it on his high-chair tray. She pulls the high chair around so it's facing the television and turns to her son. "Time for Sesame Street," she announces brightly. Ariel smiles and puts up his arms for his mother to lift him into the chair. He eats while watching the by-now familiar characters on TV while Adina goes into the kitchen to do the dishes.

Three p.m. at the Cohens.

GARDENER'S CORNER

# The grand garlic

By BATSHEVA MINK & DAVID BRAUNER

A gardener friend of ours recalls a farmer in Sussex, England who once claimed that his father lived to the age of 89 and his mother to a ripe 94, as a result of eating plenty of garlic. And the son's own remarkable health and vigor, he believed, also stemmed from eating garlic.

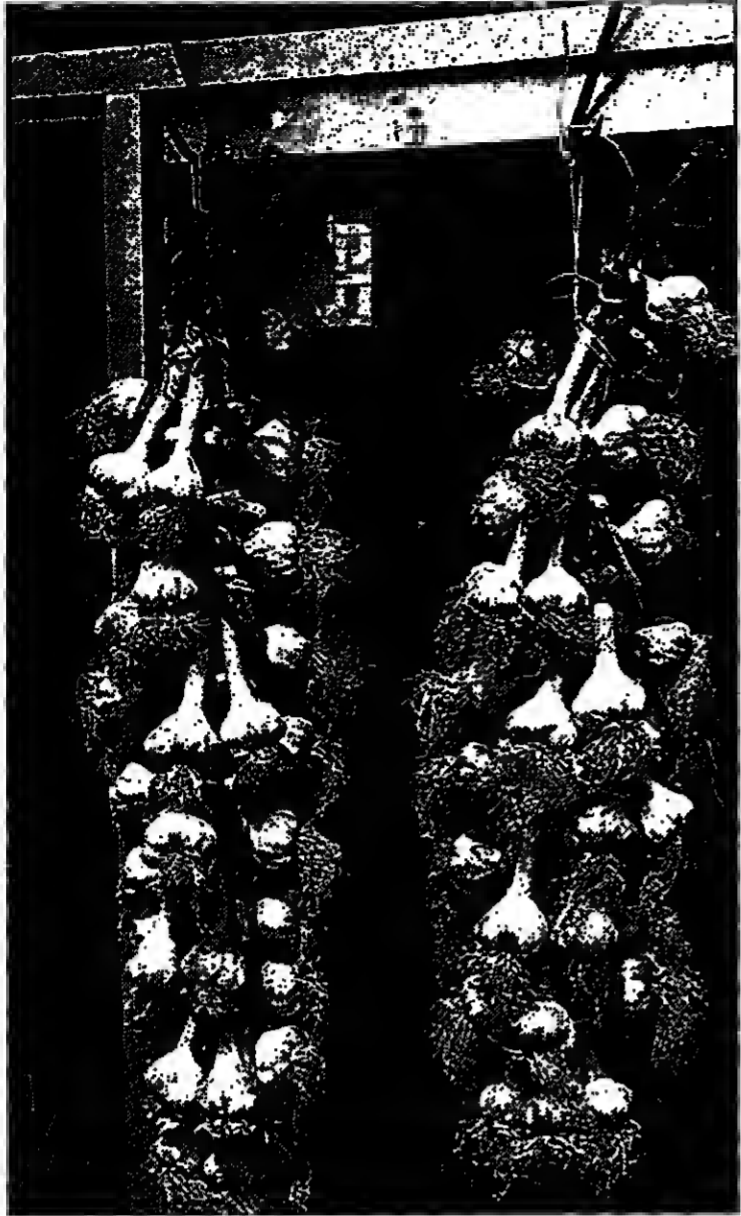
Since time immemorial legends, mostly to do with strength and endurance, have surrounded garlic. Its medicinal values have been recognized since ancient times. The Egyptians raised this medicinal plant to a divine status. They hung necklaces of garlic around children's necks to drive out worms.

The Greek historian Herodotus, quoting an Egyptian tomb inscription, wrote that the Pharaoh Cheops ordered at great expense a large daily ration of garlic for all Israelite workers employed in the construction of the Great Pyramid in order to give them strength and protect them from epidemics. The taskmasters who were not forced to eat the garlic diet were said to have suffered from many infectious diseases.

For the Romans, garlic was the herb of Mars, the god of war. Consequently, Roman soldiers ate garlic to give them strength in battle. European legend holds that if a man chews on a garlic clove during a running race, no one will be able to get ahead of him (or even want to draw close). In Bohemia garlic is fed to dogs to make them fearless and strong.

One Egyptian medical listing from 1550 BCE recommends garlic as a remedy for 22 ailments, including headaches, bites, worms, heart problems and plague. The Roman scholar Pliny claimed garlic cured over 60 ailments. As an effective antiseptic, garlic was much in demand during World War I.

In recent times garlic has been the subject of endless studies. It has been found to have a cholesterol-lowering effect. Garlic products, like oil capsules and tea,



(Andre Bruttman)

have become top-selling health and dietary supplements in the U.S. and Europe.

Recent medical research confirms that this plant contains a powerful ingredient that makes it a genuine asset in modern alternative medicine. This component called allicin is equivalent to a

one-percent solution of penicillin. Its action destroys or inhibits bacteria, fungi and yeast. (Israel's Weizmann Institute is presently also conducting research into these extraordinary properties of garlic, as reported in *The Jerusalem Post*, October 15.) However, allicin is unstable, and

cooking reduces its effectiveness. And it is also unfortunately the same ingredient that gives garlic its strong "anti-social" odor.

The lore of garlic also extends to the realms of religion and magic. According to Moslem tradition, when Satan stepped out of the Garden of Eden after the fall of man, garlic sprang up from the spot where he placed his left foot and onions where his right foot touched. Egyptian priests placed garlic on the altars of their gods as offerings. Several garlic bulbs were found in the tomb of Tutankhamen dating from c. 1358 BCE. In the Talmud, garlic was reputed to "bring love and remove jealousy" (Bava Kama, 82a).

Additionally, garlic has other practical uses. It is an insecticide. Also it makes a light contact cement, like rubber cement. Simply cut a clove in half, rub both parts to be glued and hold together until the juice is dry. And in the garden, there is a tradition that a clove of garlic planted near a rose bush will enhance the perfume of the rose blossoms, because the plant is provoked by competition into manufacturing more scent.

The garlic plant originated in southwest Siberia. From there it spread to China, where it is highly valued, and to southern Europe, where it became naturalized in the wild, especially in Sicily. Today it is widely cultivated in Mediterranean countries, where the climate is most suitable.

The English name "garlic" is of Anglo-Saxon origin, and derives from "gar," a spear and "leek," a leaf, (related to "leek"), and together the name refers to the spear-shaped leaves. The Hebrew for garlic, *shum*, is only mentioned once in the Bible (Num. 11:5), but several times in the Talmud. The botanical name is *Allium sativum*. Garlic belongs to the onion family, *Liliaceae*.

The tuberous root consists of bulblets, known as "cloves" grouped between membranous scales and held together by a whitish skin. The number of cloves in a bulb, usually 15-30 but sometimes more, depends on how



(Brian Hassler)

well the garlic is grown.

The other day we bought one bulb in the market for NIS 1.50 (NIS 12 a kilo). At home on splitting it, we found it contained 20 large cloves, each capable of growing into 20 complete bulbs. Not bad value.

In spring and early summer, garlic puts out small white flowers, tinged with red. Freshly harvested garlic has an almost sweet fruitiness which is very difficult to find in dried, faded garlics bought later in the year.

Garlic is one of the easiest herbs to grow. The largest cloves produce the best bulbs. Garlic will sprout in all soils, but prefers a rich, moist, sandy mixture. Before planting dig up the ground to aerate it, and break up the lumps. Add a generous amount of organic matter (compost), then rake the earth level. Garlic may be planted between now and February, but fall is the best time. Grow them in a sunny spot. Push each clove half its length into the soil with the pointed end up. Space cloves 15 cm. apart in rows 30-40 cm. apart. Sometimes they "spring out" after a few days or the birds knock them out. No harm done - just press them back in place again. As soon as their roots take, the cloves will be staid in place.

Garlic can also be grown in pots and window boxes, provided they

are exposed to full sun. You can also stick a few cloves between other plants if you are short of space. But remember to add a little compost before planting.

Don't let garlic dry out in hot weather. When growing well, nourish the plants with a liquid fertilizer every other week. Pinch off the flower heads early to divert all the growing energy into the

bulbs. When the leaves start to turn yellow, it is time to harvest your garlic, which is usually at the end of April.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, e-mail: [morri@ashur.cc.hu.ac.il](mailto:morri@ashur.cc.hu.ac.il)

## TIP OF THE WEEK

Anyone who grows garlic in quantity might feel the urge to braid them into ropes. The sight of hanging garlic ropes in your kitchen will give it a homey, rustic look. Here's how to make a garlic rope:

1. After harvesting the bulbs, let the leaves dry out for a week or two. If the tops become brittle, spray them lightly with water to make them pliable. Carefully rub off any soil still attached to the bulbs.
2. Cut an 80 cm. length of sturdy, natural fiber (jaffa or garden twine).
3. To start your rope, gather three bulbs together and knot one end of the twine around their necks. Twist the twine around a few times to secure them further.

4. Add three more bulbs, with their tops facing together, and knot the twine around again.  
5. Continue adding garlic to groups of three to build up your rope to around 60 cm. in length. Though all can be done, start the end with the heavy, big bulbs and finish with the small ones.  
6. To finish the rope, knot the twine around the three bulbs at the other end. The rope is now ready to hang in your kitchen.

HEADS 'N' TAILS

# Pet-proofing your home

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Most accidents happen in the home, and that's as true for pets as it is for people. Dogs and cats get hit by motor vehicles and are poisoned by pesticides, and herbicides, but many more get into trouble without ever leaving their home turf.

According to a pathologist from the Veterinary Institute in Beit Dagan, the most common cause of death in dogs is the consumption of indigestible material (second only to poisoning). One major danger is an intestinal obstruction caused by eating foam rubber or synthetic scouring pads. Never make a puppy a bed from material that it can tear up and swallow. It's best to use an old blanket or a piece of carpet.

But there are other household accidents that kill both dogs and kittens, sometimes even parrots. Gnawing at electric wires (particularly attractive is a dangling extension cord) can prove lethal to pets. It is advisable to keep extension cords and appliance wires out of puppy and kitten reach. If that is not possible, pass them through a length of garden hose, plastic tubing, or such insulated material. (The hose or tubing can be easily cut down its length and taped together once the cord is inside. Or tape the wires firmly to the wall so

they aren't so tempting. If a kitten or puppy is to be left alone, it should be confined to an area of the house that lacks such enticements. Parrots must never be left unattended in a room that has any exposed electrical cords. While a kitten or puppy may ignore such an attraction if it doesn't dangle alluringly, a parrot will find it even if it is taped to the wall.

If you let your parrot or parakeets out of their cage, be sure the curtains are drawn lest the bird fly into the clear glass window. And make sure that all fires are out and that the hot-plate of the stove is cool. A bird can easily land on it while it is too hot. In general, birds should always be closely supervised when let out.

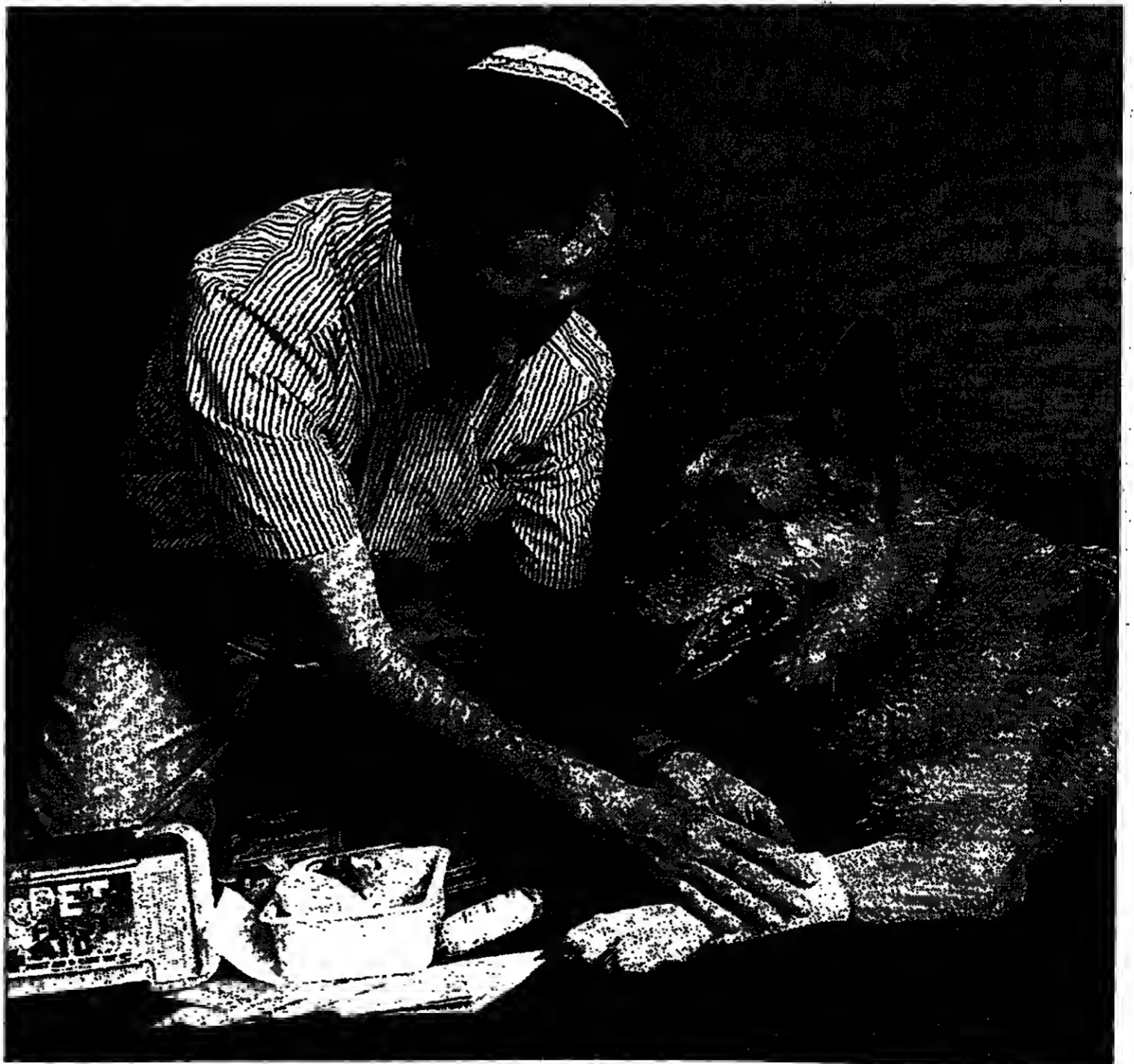
Pets can also get poisoned inadvertently in the home. For example, someone puts rat poison in a storeroom or attic. The rats and mice eat the poison; the cats - and sometimes dogs - eat the mice and die. What's more, many pets have been poisoned by drinking the water from the lavatory where toilet-bowl disinfectant bars or liquids are in use. These chemicals are extremely toxic. And, all too often, pets eat cockroach poison. Many cage birds and aquarium fish die from exposure to aerosol sprays containing insecticides. Therefore, one should never leave cage birds in the room when spraying it with insecticides

or even room fresheners and aerosol-packed carpet and upholstery cleaners. Also, be sure to disconnect the air pump of the aquarium and cover it well with several layers of newspaper before using toxic materials in the room. Remove the covering and reconnect the air pump only when the room has been thoroughly aired.

Just as you would always keep chemicals out of the reach of children, keep them out of the reach of pets. This includes detergents, oven cleaners, and fat-removing compounds. Dogs will often bite right through plastic bottles and get caustic burns to the mouth, paws and muzzle. They have even been known to bite through the thin wall of aerosol cans. Cats, in playing with bottles, sometimes manage to dislodge the cap and let the liquid out, with similar fatal results.

The other important thing to remember is to never leave a dog alone in the car in the summer, not even with the windows partially open, not even in the shade. A great number of dogs get heat stroke from this. And be sure your pets have constant access to clean water.

Most of these rules are essentially a matter of common sense, and observing them can help guarantee the well-being of your animal companions.



A few preventative measures around the house can protect your pet from harm.

(Sarit Uziel)



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TASE falls amid Dow fears

Tel Aviv

Stock prices fell yesterday amid concern that US stocks would drop, and as Bezeq Ltd. was hurt by the government's plans to introduce competition in telecommunications.

Europe

European stocks slipped yesterday, with Germany leading the decline after Asian and US shares weakened and a falling dollar hobbled exporters such as Volkswagen AG.

Dollar falls against mark on Hong Kong

The dollar fell against the mark as investors expect a slide in Hong Kong stocks to hinder the US recovery, dampening demand for the dollar.

STOCKS

Maof 296.18 v 0.83%
Dow Jones 7689 v 0.20%
FTSE 4897.4 v 0.18%
Nikkei 16500.1 v 0.25%

Asia

Japanese stocks rose, led by electronics exporters such as Sony Corp. and Canon Inc., on the surge in US markets overnight.

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks drifted higher yesterday, the calmest session in two weeks, padding Monday's big rally and chipping away at the little remaining damage from last week's tumble.

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European bonds followed US Treasuries higher amid optimism global inflation remains subdued.

CURRENCIES

Dollar 3.538 v 0.17%
Basket 3.8434 v 0.425%
Mark 2.055 v 1.256%
Sterling 5.9536 v 0.712%

Wall Street

The Dow Jones industrial average recovered from a morning loss of 52 points and rose 14.74 points to 7,689.13, only about 26 points of its level before last Monday's staggering 554-point slide.

Oil traders look anxiously to Iraq-UN talks

Oil traders look anxiously to Iraq-UN talks as the market stands to benefit the most from a sign of a settlement between the warring parties.

Precious metals

Gold rose in interbank trading yesterday. Prices rose in New York as jewelers took advantage of prices close to a 12 1/2-year low to replenish their stockpiles in preparation for end-of-year holidays.

Others

Copper fell for a second day as a report that Japanese car sales slowed last month reinforced increasingly bleak perceptions of demand for metals in Asia.

US bonds little changed; investors brace for sales

US bonds were little changed as investors prepared for sales of \$47 billion of new government debt in coming days, starting with an auction of \$14 billion of three-year notes yesterday.

COMMODITIES

Gold \$315.55 v 1.85%
Crude Oil \$19.88 v 0.07
CRB 239.95 v 0.2%

BONDS

US 30-year T-bill yield 6.21 no change

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER LAY CASHMAN



In a meeting with Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy in Jerusalem, Nigerian Aviation Minister Udu-Ioma (right) brought up the aviation agreement that was signed between Israel and Nigeria in the early 1960s, but never implemented.

and Associates. A graduate of Ben-Gurion University, he majored in economics and accountancy and has lectured on accountancy at Holon College.

Prof. Aliza Shehar, who has just completed her term as Israel's ambassador to Russia, has been elected president of the Academic College of the Jezreel Valley. Offered several options in academia, politics, education, public institutions and organizations, Shehar accepted the presidency of the college because it presented not only a challenge but new, creative opportunities for academic development.

Shenkar College graduate Haifa Berk has been appointed to manage the Ralph Lauren store in Israel. A long-time Polgeat employee, she has worked as commercial manager, designer, and fashion coordinator in the company's menswear division.

Haya Engar has been appointed manager of the Eilat branch of the Greenberg chain of supermarkets. She was previously the manager of the Jaffa branch and the Jerusalem outlet.

Business management and labor relations expert Prof. Amira Galin has been appointed head of the Lahav Center for Management Negotiations at Tel Aviv University's Management Faculty.

Avi Bann has been appointed deputy director of finances at Rucknor, the Israel franchisee for Burger King and Planet Hollywood. Bann, 31, was previously the company's controller and before that worked in the accounting firm of Rizzer Oren

Domino's Pizza has announced the appointment of Eldar Mandil as the company's training manager. Mandil, who joined Domino's Pizza five years ago, has managed branches in Ben-Gurion Airport, Ramat Aviv and Rehovot.

Picking up the pieces

Following last week's shakeup, there's more reason than ever to exercise caution

By NEIL COHEN

Given the rapidly changing and significant moves in world equity markets right now - including our own - I'm breaking from the routine to write another portfolio piece this week. Although a great deal may have changed by the time you read this piece, we now have some kind of clue as to what's been going on.

bounced around all over the place, usually following New York. The two markets that everyone was watching most closely were New York and Hong Kong.

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quarter-end was slowing down, and at least one analyst cut his earnings forecast. The stock was sliced from \$21 to \$12 almost overnight. The semicon connection did not help. Taking some profit out of Tower and Orbotech holdings proved not to have been such a bad move after all.

markets, slower growth. There's no way of knowing where the markets are headed and how they are going to get there. In any event, the risks are clearly far greater on the downside, and if at any time caution is called for, now is that time.

The TASE is probably quite fairly valued right now, but like it or not, we are going to move in tandem with Wall Street. Too many of the bigger TASE companies have dual listings or NASDAQ holdings, and US investor confidence or lack of it is felt the world over.

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My personal sense is that short term the markets are headed south. World markets, New York in particular, are still somewhat overvalued, and by this time the focus has shifted from Hong Kong to Wall Street.

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# Aston Villa advance, Liverpool out

**BIRMINGHAM (AP)** — Aston Villa moved into the third round of the UEFA Cup with a 2-1 victory yesterday over Spain's Athletic Bilbao after the clubs played a scoreless draw two weeks ago in the first leg.

Ian Taylor put Villa ahead in the 28th minute, capitalizing on a grave mistake by Athletic Bilbao goalkeeper Imanol Etxebarria.

Etxebarria, leaping high to cut off a cross from his right, failed to handle the ball and let it fall loose at his feet as Taylor moved in and scored from six meters.

Dwight Yorke, who had shot just wide minutes earlier, scored from 16 meters in the 50th minute as he took a pass from Taylor and then faked out a Spanish defender to score with a low, ground-hugging shot.

The second goal fired up Bilbao and made the final 40 minutes interesting after a boring first half and a scoreless draw in the first leg.

Spanish international Julen Guerrero entered as a substitute and almost immediately fired a point-blank shot in the 54th on Villa goalkeeper Mark Bosnich.

Substitute Javi Gonzalez made it 2-1 in the 70th on a half volley from 18 meters that deflected in off Villa defender Gareth Southgate.

Bosnich had to make several key saves in the final 20 minutes including one off a close-in header in the 82nd minute as the Spaniards pressed constantly.

In other English UEFA Cup action yesterday, Strasbourg dumped Liverpool 3-2 on aggregate after the English club threw everything they had at their French opponents but failed to find three goals at Anfield.

**LONDON (AP)** — Former European Cup winners Liverpool dominated the second-round second-leg 2-0, taking a 63rd-minute penalty by Robbie Fowler and an 85th-minute goal by German midfielder Karl-Heinz Reisle, who was also fouled for the spot-kick.

His goal set up a desperate finale to a match that could easily have seen Liverpool four or five goals ahead but for an exceptional night for Strasbourg goalkeeper Alexander Vencel.

It was the second season in a row that Liverpool had been knocked out by a French club and the second that they had narrowly failed to make up a 3-0 first leg deficit.

Lyon 1, Inter Milan 3  
Francesco Moriero scored two goals to pace Inter Milan to a 3-1 victory over Lyon.

Inter advances on a 4-3 aggregate.

OFI 3, Auxerre 2  
Nikos Papadopoulos scored two goals for OFI Crete.

Despite the loss, the French team advanced to the next round of the competition on 5-4 aggregate.

Auxerre had won 3-1 the first leg in France two weeks ago.

Bastia 3, Steaua Bucharest 2  
Bastia rallied in the second half to win, but Steaua Bucharest advanced on an away goal decision.

Steaua Bucharest won the first leg 1-0 at home. After the second leg both teams were tied 3-3 on total goals but the Romanians scored twice in the opening half in Bastia behind two goals by Catalin Munteanu.

Dinamo Tbilisi 0, Braga 1  
Toni Duarte scored the only goal to lead Braga.



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thanks to the away goal rule after drawing 0-0 with Denmark's AGF Aarhus.

A goal away from home in the first leg's 1-1 draw was enough to see the Dutch side through.

Allan Resse nearly broke the deadlock for Aarhus in the 55th minute but his curling right-foot shot crashed into the bar after beating Twente goalkeeper Sander Boschker.

Twente had the best chance of the first half when Anwar Ajoupp headed on a corner from the right by Theo ten Caat only to see Michael Nonbo clear it from the line.

Aarhus's best chance before the break came in the 21st minute when Jesper Soerensen split open Twente's defense with a long pass but goalkeeper Boschker beat Lars Lambæk in a race for the ball.

UEFA Cup second-round, second-leg results:

- In Munich: Bayern Munich (Germany) 2, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1. Score: 1-1. Penalty: Bayern Munich — Daniel Baurmann 6, Bernhard Winkler 23 pen; Rapid Vienna — Thomas Ziegler 70. Red cards: Marvin Höler (7) 23, Markus Purrer (9) 62. Minutes: 100.
- In Bratislava: Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 1, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0. Score: 1-0. Aggregate: 1-0. Steaua Bucharest won the first leg 1-0. Minutes: 100.
- In Moscow: Dynamo Tbilisi (Georgia) 0, Braga (Portugal) 1. Score: Toni Duarte 49. Aggregate: 0-1. Braga won the first leg 1-0. Minutes: 100.
- In Enschede: Twente Enschede (Netherlands) 0, Aarhus (Denmark) 0. Aggregate: 0-0. Aarhus won the first leg 1-0. Minutes: 100.
- In Karlsruhe: Borussia SC (Germany) 1, Metz (France) 1. Score: Karsten Hallum 37, Metz — Ronny Bofin 10. Aggregate: 1-1. Minutes: 100.
- In Zagreb: Croatia Zagreb (Croatia) 2, NK Rudar (Hungary) 0. Score: Robert Prosinecki 12, 54. Minutes: 100.
- In Rome: Lazio 3, Inter Milan 1. Score: Francesco Moriero 1, 61, 77. Minutes: 100.

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The Georgian club led the attack in the first period, but was unable to break through Braga's defense. In the first-leg game two weeks ago, Braga demolished Dinamo Tbilisi 4-0.

Enschede 0, Aarhus 0  
Twente Enschede progressed

# Ivanisevic: No more Davis Cup for Croatia

**ZAGREB (AP)** — Croatia's most famous sportsman, Goran Ivanisevic, said yesterday that he will no longer play Davis Cup tennis for his country after a row over who controls Croatian tennis.

The quarrel reportedly went as far as a bid to replace President Franjo Tudjman, with Ivanisevic appealing in vain to Tudjman to intervene.

Instead, Croatian Tennis Association boss Snud Rizvanbegovic has reportedly threatened to order Ivanisevic drafted into the Croatian army.

Ivanisevic, currently No. 4 in the ATP rankings, told the daily *Sportwise Novosti* he was quitting Davis Cup play because of havoc in the Croatian Tennis Association and differences with its Rizvanbegovic.

"As long as Snud Rizvanbegovic is president of the CTA, I will not play in the Davis Cup," Ivanisevic said.

Last month, Rizvanbegovic, a top executive in Croatia's largest insurance company, ousted the selector of the national squad, former tennis pro Zeljko Franulovic. Ivanisevic and Franulovic together own the Croatian Open tournament. The tennis star claimed that Rizvanbegovic was out to clear the Tennis Association of critics, including Ivanisevic's father Srđjan, who resigned after Franulovic's ouster.

As the rift in Croatian tennis grew, Ivanisevic sought support from Tudjman, an avid tennis player and fan who rarely misses a big match in Croatia and has actively intervened in the country's soccer, changing the name of Zagreb's best team.

"I have used my fame and popularity in tournaments throughout the world, with a headband of the Croatian flag across my forehead, and won countless victories for our fledgling country," Ivanisevic said.

One year of military service is mandatory for men in Croatia above the age 18. Exceptions are often made for athletes who are expected in return to act as goodwill ambassadors for Croatia, and to play for its national squads.

Earlier this year, basketball star Toni Kukoc of the Chicago Bulls, was ordered to report to the Defense Ministry concerning his military duties. The call coincided with announcements by Kukoc that he was retiring from Croatia's national team.

Croats were outraged, and officials eventually withdrew the order to Kukoc and apologized.

Stockholm Open  
Boris Becker swept aside third seed Carlos Moya 6-4, 6-3 in the first round yesterday.

Becker, four times a winner of the tournament, led the first set 5-2 but Moya battled to hold on until the German served out in the 10th game.

In the second set, Becker broke Moya in the first game but his opponent immediately broke back.

However, Becker stormed through the rest of the match for his first victory against the Spaniard in three meetings.

Two Swedes moved into the second round of the Open.

Magnus Gustafsson straight-set Marcos Ondruska of South Africa, 6-2, 6-2 while Magnus Larsson had more problems before overpowering compatriot Fredrik Johansson 7-5, 7-5.

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# Rock and rolling in money

David Bowie was named last week Britain's richest rock star, with a personal fortune of £550 million (NIS 3,300m), putting him ahead of Paul McCartney for the first time.

In the first survey of its kind, *Business Age* magazine said the former Beatle had earned £520m, while heart-throb balladeer Tom Jones was third with £275m.

Bowie, whose hits in a 30-year career include "Life on Mars," "Rock 'n' Roll Suicide" and "The Man Who Sold the World," broke new financial ground this year with a \$55m Wall Street bond issue secured against his back catalog.

Unlike many rock stars who saw their wealth slip away in a haze of drink and drugs, Bowie took firm control of his finances during the 1980s, putting behind him the excesses of his earlier years. McCartney's wealth continues to grow, despite the fact that the Beatles broke up over a quarter of a century ago.

Last year was the most commercially successful ever for the defunct band as fans rushed to buy the "Anthology" records, which sold 13 million copies.

Tom Jones' position in third slot was "largely due to his live performances in the United States over the past 25 years and a quite incredible work rate," *Business Age* said.

It estimated that during the course of his career, the Welsh singer had earned £750m from

performances, singles, albums and business interests.

*Business Age* said Britain's 50 richest pop stars were, all together, worth nearly £3.8 billion.

The magazine compiled the list by examining the company accounts, record sales and other earnings of major British pop acts over the past 35 years.

Most of them laid down the basis of their wealth in careers that began in the 1960s. Britain's latest pop sensation, The Spice Girls, are in 42nd place, with £14.5m, for each of the five band members.

Apart from The Spice Girls, there are only two women in the top 50 - Annie Lennox at 34 with £26m, and Kate Bush at 38 with £18.5m.

### The British pop top 20

1. David Bowie - £550m.
2. Paul McCartney - £520m.
3. Tom Jones - £275m.
4. Phil Collins - £220m.
5. Elton John - £200m.
6. Mick Jagger - £135m.
7. Eric Clapton - £120m.
8. George Harrison - £105m.
9. Sting - £97m.
10. Keith Richards - £96m.
11. George Michael - £95m.
12. Ringo Starr - £93m.
13. Mark Knopfler - £85m.
14. Dave Gilmour - £75m.
15. Roger Waters - £70m.
16. Rod Stewart - £66m.
17. Robert Plant - £60m.
18. Jimmy Page - £55m.
19. Cliff Richard - £52m.
20. Charlie Watts - £50m.

(Reuters)



David Bowie: 'The Man Who Sold the World,' is worth NIS 3,300m. (File Photo: Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

# A 'Demon' in Haifa

By HELEN KAYE

Bewitched, bothered and bewildered is a good way to describe *Teibele and Her Demon*, which opens at the Haifa Theater tomorrow. It's not a bad way to describe the theater either, or at least it was until September 1 when Roni Pinkowitz, 32, took over as general manager from Oded Kotler.

*Teibele* is based on two stories by Nobelist Isaac Bashevis Singer, who wrote the play with Eve Friedman. As do all Singer tales, *Teibele* probes the sублиmated eroticism and superstition in the 19th-century Jewish communities of the Eastern European shtetl.

*Teibele* (Maya Maoz) is a young *aguna* for whom remarriage is forbidden by Halacha. Elhanan (Moshe Bekker) is a penniless yeshiva student in love with her. Singer spins a web of fantasy, passion and deceit that ends in tragedy.

"Extraordinary people who live in a narrow world of taboos and superstitions have to find an outlet for their desires," director Mikhail Resnikovich says of the main characters in *Teibele*, which he calls "an uninhibited and universal love story."

Resnikovich, making his local directorial debut, has directed the play at the Kiev National Theater, where he is general director. He grew up in the same small Polish town that is the setting for the play.

This is Pinkowitz's first production as head of the theater where he was in-house director until he went to study for his MA in theater management at Middlesex University in the UK last year.

Pinkowitz was the compromise choice to run the Haifa Theater. Former HT general manager Oded Kotler, who resigned last May, was grooming him for the post, but he was an outsider candidate as far as the board was concerned. They wanted actor Doron Tavori, but Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna didn't. Tavori was too elitist he said. Mitzna prevailed.

Pinkowitz has wasted no time. Between almost endless meetings, he has supervised the production of *Teibele*. Rehearsals for a revival of Yehoshua Sobol's *Ghetto* speak to me of which I am not part of.

That is why Stoltzman does not play klezmer music. "I'm not Jewish, although I was once listed as a Jewish musician. I was often asked to do klezmer, but in order to do it I would have to study it and like it and become more involved with it."

"I had a student, Joel Rubin, who began playing klezmer because of me, so he said, because I always teach my students to try new things. He went on to study in Israel and then he inaugurated his own klezmer band in Berlin of all places. This is quite ironic, I must admit."

Meanwhile, the baseball fan is weighing his options. He doesn't go to as many games as he did when he moved with his family to Boston 12 years ago. "We somewhat got disillusioned with the big strike," he says. "These guys were earning astronomical amounts of money and yet they wanted even more."

He then playfully adds, "Who knows? Last night, the Celtics won their season opener against the Bulls. Maybe I'll switch to basketball now."



'Teibele and Her Demon' is an uninhibited and universal love story, says director Mikhail Resnikovich. (Eyal Landessman)

which the author will direct, get underway next week.

"I received the season pretty well planned," says Pinkowitz, adding pointedly, "and in the Israel of 1997 we need to honor agreements."

He has made a two-year master plan for himself and the theater. He wants, like Ofra Henig is doing at the Jerusalem Khan, to go back to the concept of an acting ensemble rather than hiring stars per production. He wants "a stable of young writers and a pool of people from cinema, TV and the literary world so we can get some ferment going here. I'd like to present lots of works in progress next year."

However, there's still a little administrative confusion. Pinkowitz thought he would be artistic director and No. 1 in the theater with a general manager alongside but subordinate to him "like [Yevgeny] Arty and Ori Levy] at the Gesher Theater. It's not good the other way around."

Pinkowitz doesn't make a big deal of priorities, he likes to concentrate on things, which at the moment is to bring audiences back to the Haifa Theater which, for the last year or so, has limped along on mainly imports and reruns of its most successful show ever, Edna Mazia's *Games in the Backyard*.

The administration? "We'll work it out," Pinkowitz says.

# The 'mindless' way to play classical music

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Clarinetist Richard Stoltzman is a man of many parts. Baseball fan, cordon-bleu pastry chef, promoter of contemporary music, and occasional jazz and "crossover" artist.

But none of those brought him here. Stoltzman is preparing for his Israel debut as the featured soloist with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and others. He has brought scores of recordings a stylistic versatility that has brought him a growing resume of accolades.

In addition to Stoltzman's performances with the JSO tonight and Thursday, he joins the Jerusalem Quartet on Saturday night for a program of chamber music.

Composer-conductor Lukas Foss will be on the podium for the JSO performances which will include his Clarinet Concerto, dedicated to Stoltzman.

"At one point he gives instructions to play 'mindlessly,'" Stoltzman says of Foss's composition. "I asked him what that means, and he said, 'You have to sound uninvolved, more removed and dreamy.' Then at another point, I have to play 'with obsession.' At the end, the musicians

and conductor continue with the motions of making music but actually are not playing at all. It is intriguing and kind of humorous."

Stoltzman says he feels privileged to be playing a piece under the baton of his composer, but only up to a point. "When composers conduct, they are involved in listening to their work and they are lost in their creation. They listen to themselves being revealed."

Stoltzman and the JSO are also performing a nine-minute piece by Leonard Bernstein originally written for big band.

The clarinetist is a champion of contemporary music, having commissioned numerous concerti and chamber-music works. "But I have to fight to play new music, because many presenters and orchestras are just not interested in this."

Audiences generally avoid contemporary music as well. "It makes no sense," Stoltzman says. "After all, people enjoy traveling to new places and finding exotic things. They should hope for the same feeling in the concert hall."

NEW EXPERIENCES were not exactly what Stoltzman was seeking when, as a Yale University student in 1965, he started learning to

"I had this teacher there, Earle Broudus, who believed that we had to treat music like life, explore it and



Richard Stoltzman

find variety in it, enjoying the spices it can give us," he recalls. "Music should take its cue from

living, he said, and he made all his students come to his home and cook occasionally."

When Stoltzman began performing regularly in London, he used to give recitals at the Wigmore Hall. "The cordon-bleu school was right around the corner, and I took lessons there." Now, whenever he has time, he gets into the kitchen and whips up treats for his wife, Lucy, and children Margaret and Peter. "We all love desserts," he says.

The experience that most concerns Stoltzman is that of creating music for a live audience. "But younger people are not as familiar with the excitement [generated by an] orchestra. Maybe music in general is not that special [for young people] any more. These youngsters hear music everywhere: in the elevators, in airplanes, in shopping malls, wherever they go. But I'm sure youngsters who are taken to the symphony hall will immediately realize its special charm."

In spite of his preference for symphonic music, Stoltzman is as comfortable playing jazz and crossover music as he is the standard and contemporary classical repertoire. "I don't know really what this word 'style' means. Music should be communicative;

that's why composers write it. I play only music I care for, music I feel I can communicate with. I cannot play music which doesn't speak to me of which I am not part of."

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By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

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and the two discs are a worthy addition to Rilling's impressively growing choral output on disc and in the concert hall.

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#4	2	SHABAK SAMECH	B'ATIFA SHEI MAMTAK
#5	5	BACKSTREET BOYS	BACKSTREET'S BACK
#6	8	THE VERVE	UPLIFAN HYMNS
#7	9	YEHUDA POLIKER	LIVE
#8	3	GIDI GOV	SHIRIM SHEI...
#9	10	TEA PACKS	NESHIKA LA DOD
#10	6	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	KOL MA SHEITRTZI
#11	21	ROLLING STONES	BRIDGES OF BABYLON
#12	23	V/A	VOLUME 13
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- 6:15 Today's programs
6:30 Repeat News
7:00 Colby with Ted-Ad

ARABIC PROGRAMS

- 18:30 Family Affairs
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

- 19:30 News flash
19:31 Zappy Wave - pop hits

CHANNEL 8

- 8:00 Open University
8:00 A Healthy Body
8:35 The Nature of Australia

CHANNEL 5

- 6:30 Bodies in Motion
6:30 Bodies in Motion
6:30 Brazilian League Soccer

EUROSPORT

- 6:30 Eurosports
11:00 UEFA Cup
14:00 Wheelies

STAR SPORTS

- 6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Grieg: Peer

VOICE OF MUSIC

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- Best Friend's Wedding - Volcano 7:15, 9:20
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Table with 8 columns (1-8) and 6 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs like News flash, Ramat Aviv Glimel, Profiler, etc.

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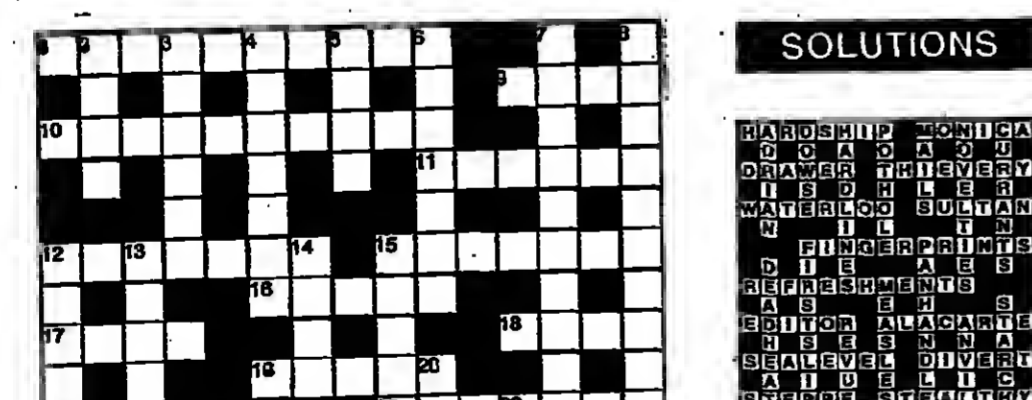
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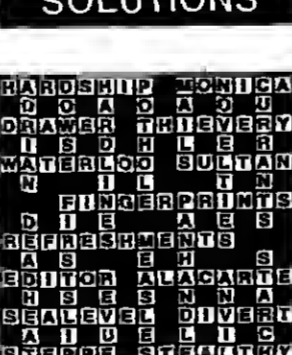
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# US pledges to keep military aid intact

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - US Secretary of Defense William Cohen said yesterday that the Clinton Administration would preserve Israel's \$1.86 billion military assistance package in next year's budget. The amount centered on the IDF's modernization plans over the next eight to 10 years, Cohen told Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

"We have looked at their overall requirements in terms of aircraft, other types of equipment, field equipment. And I think it's a very responsible proposal over a very long period," Cohen said.

He also said he had accepted Mordechai's invitation and would visit Israel next month.

The two had a lengthy discussion on the Iranian nuclear and missile threat. Mordechai said that they

saw "eye-to-eye" on the matter. He thanked President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Cohen for their efforts to reduce the Iranian threat.

Mordechai told Israeli reporters that the Pentagon met all of Jerusalem's requests.

On the peace process, Mordechai said the US's political, economic and technological assistance to Israel "certainly enables us to feel strong, adds to stability in the Middle East and prevents any force from unleashing its force upon us."

Cohen said that "the most important thing for the State of Israel is to remain secure, that if Israel is secure, then it can proceed with negotiations for peace."

"And to the extent that Israel is not secure, then I think that would inhibit the peace process itself. So

I think the most important thing is to maintain our pledge to help Israel maintain its security and safety, and from a position of military capability, to defend itself, to then negotiate a peaceful resolution in the Middle East."

Mordechai also said that Israelis had no reason to fear any repercussions from the Iraqi dispute with the UN and the US over the weapons inspection regime.

He told a Pentagon press conference after the meeting with Cohen, that the government is following the situation closely and is confident that the US will "take the right steps."

"I don't think the citizens of Israel should be concerned. Residents of the State of Israel can relax.... I don't think there's any concrete threat that Israelis should be worried about," Mordechai said.



### Remembering in Romania

Iulian Sorin (left) a leader of the Romanian Jewish Communities, and Rabbi Menahem Hacohen, acting chief rabbi of Romania, yesterday unveil a plaque in Bucharest honoring the victims of a 1941 pogrom in the Romanian capital. (Reuters)

# Shahak: Yassin more militant since release

By LIAT COLLINS

Since Sheikh Ahmed Yassin's release from prison last month, his statements have grown more militant and he is now the center of gravity in Gaza. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

The Palestinian Authority is aware that Yassin's release has strengthened Hamas, Shahak said. A senior intelligence officer

said the PA is doing more to fight terror, but there is still no intensive action against the terror infrastructure.

His statements caused Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak to say that the constant changes in the analyses regarding PA action on terror are being cynically used by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Shahak also said the Iranian-Russian Shihab 3 long-range missile project is continuing, despite the denials by Russian Foreign

Minister Yevgeny Primakov. Shahak said that due to diplomatic and economic interests, cooperation between Russia and Iran is likely to go on. But because of pressure on them, they will hide it and it will become increasingly difficult to assess its true scope.

Syria, the intelligence officer said, continues to improve its military capabilities, even as it pursues the diplomatic option. It recently received 50 T-55 tanks from Ukraine and is scheduled to receive 200 more.

# Shuhada St. opens to Palestinian buses

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Despite protests from Hebron settlers, the IDF announced yesterday that Palestinian buses could join other Arab vehicles permitted to travel down a key access route to the city's Jewish enclave.

Shuhada Street was opened to Palestinian automobiles and municipal vehicles last week. Buses were permitted on the road as of yesterday.

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Stalov, who visited the area yesterday and met with IDF commanders, including OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, said the reopening of the road to Palestinian

traffic seemed to be running smoothly.

Jewish leaders in Hebron charged that the Arab traffic was a threat to their security.

Shalom responded by stressing that IDF troops in Hebron must continue to safeguard the Jewish community, especially since Shuhada Street is the only access route to the Jewish community.

Shalom rejected demands by Hebron settlers to build 300 housing units in the area, saying that while he supports construction throughout Israel, their request was not realistic. He said that any additional building in Hebron would have to be done according to the community's natural proportions.

# Catholic official repudiates report on PA persecution of Christians

By HAIM SHAPIRO

A Catholic official yesterday characterized a government report, which said that Christians are being persecuted by the Palestinian Authority, as being baseless.

The unsigned report said that cemeteries are being vandalized, churches are being burglarized and Islamic militants fearlessly harass Christian youngsters.

But Wadie Abu-Nassar, director of the Great Jubilee 2000 office of the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land, said he had personally checked every case of alleged persecution mentioned in the report, but could find no basis for the allegations.

For example, he said, the report had said that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat had sum-

marily taken over a building belonging to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate as his headquarters in Bethlehem. Abu-Nassar said that officials of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate at the highest level had insisted they had invited Arafat.

The report also suggested that Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah is, in effect, a spokesman for the PA. Abu-Nassar said that it was only natural that the patriarch should speak out about the concerns facing his community.

"He has always spoken of the problems of his faithful and the fact is that the Palestinians have more problems than others," Abu-Nassar said.

Abu-Nassar added it is true there were some incidents of action against Christians in the autonomous areas. But they were not carried out by the PA, but by

"childish elements." In fact, he added, there is a high percentage of Christians in leading PA positions.

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Moshe Katzav met with Vatican Ambassador Archbishop Andrea Montezemolo yesterday to plan for a massive influx of Christian pilgrims expected to mark the year 2000.

The Holy Land's Council of Bishops is scheduled to meet next week in Jerusalem to discuss arrangements for the millennium. Montezemolo said he would examine the possibility of using Church land to erect temporary accommodations for the pilgrims.

Katzav told the papal envoy that he will receive the Israel 2000 Report on the preparations within the next two weeks.

Jay Bushinsky contributed to this report.

### WEATHER

Malta 19-22  
Athens 15-20  
Tel Aviv 18-22  
Jerusalem 12-17  
Beersheva 18-22  
Eilat 22-27

Forecast: No change in temperatures. Rain will stop gradually.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	Low	High	Weather		
Antwerp	01	34	06	48	clear
Berlin	-01	30	04	38	clear
Boston	13	55	21	70	partly cloudy
Calo	17	59	26	77	clear
Chicago	02	39	04	39	cloudy
Copenhagen	-02	37	03	37	clear
Frankfurt	-05	25	10	50	clear
Geneva	02	39	11	52	cloudy
Helsinki	-01	32	09	32	clear
Hong Kong	21	79	26	77	clear
Jakarta	16	81	27	79	clear
London	07	46	13	55	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	13	59	16	58	clear
Madrid	10	61	16	58	clear
Moscow	-03	37	04	38	clear
Montreal	-06	23	-01	30	rain
New York	11	52	18	64	rain
Nice	06	43	18	61	cloudy
Paris	06	43	18	61	cloudy
Rome	06	43	18	61	cloudy
Stockholm	-01	32	02	36	clear
Sydney	18	64	26	77	rain
Tokyo	06	43	18	61	clear
Toronto	06	43	18	61	partly cloudy
Vancouver	-01	30	01	32	clear
Zurich	-01	30	06	48	cloudy

### Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's first daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, the king of hearts, the nine of diamonds and the ace of clubs.

In the second drawing, the winning numbers were the seven of spades, the king of hearts, the jack of diamonds and the eight of clubs.

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